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## IDF may tighten up Awali line

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Senior sources in the defence establishment are advocating a partial closure of the passes along the new Awali line. They are advising that cars be barred from crossing but people allowed to pass on foot.

At present, there are two official crossing points along the Israel Defence Forces front line: one north of Sidon along the coastal road, and the other at the village of Basri west of Jebel Barukh.

Some 6,000 to 8,000 cars cross daily at the Sidon point alone, it was noted, and unless the passes are closed to vehicles an attack is bound to happen.

The decision will have to be taken at cabinet level. It is not clear what the outcome there will be, because even a partial closure of the passes is likely to be interpreted — at least abroad — as a step towards partitioning Lebanon.

One of the topics which will therefore be considered before the ban is imposed is how to try and overcome a feeling of separation in Lebanon. Although people will be allowed to cross on foot and take taxis on the other side, officials here have been aware that would not obviate the hard feelings.

## Aluf Dan Shomron assumes new post

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Dan Shomron yesterday stepped into the newly created post of commander of the ground Forces Command, which will encompass the infantry, paratroops, tank corps, artillery, and engineering corps.

The initiation ceremony was held at the base which until Wednesday served as the Armoured Corps command. He is the first to assume the post. The Armoured Corps command has now been incorporated in Shomron's new post.



Firefighters battle to control a blaze in three adjoining sheds on Rehov Levinsky in Tel Aviv's business centre yesterday. The blaze had begun to spread to a four-storey commercial building before it was brought under control. The only person injured was a policeman who suffered smoke inhalation.

## Wazzan: Pact with Israel may be reviewed

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan yesterday raised the possibility of Israel "reconsidering" last May's agreement with Israel, charging that Israel had violated the pact by "its sudden, partial withdrawal" of troops last month from the central Shouf and Aley mountains.

Wazzan's statement, made to reporters and widely carried on the Lebanese media yesterday, would seem to indicate that the Moslem prime minister may be softening in the face of mounting pressure that the agreement be scrapped.

This has been the main demand made by Syria as a condition for its readiness to discuss a withdrawal of its own forces from Lebanon, and has been consistently pressed by pro-Syrian Lebanese opposition leaders, most recently by former president Suleiman Franjeh earlier this week.

The question of the withdrawal pact came as leaders of Lebanon's

various factions agreed to set up a preparatory committee to negotiate a date, site and agenda for the national reconciliation conference provided for in last week's cease-fire agreement.

Government sources cautioned, however, that Jemayel agreed to creation of the committee with only a one-week mandate. If it fails to meet that deadline, Jemayel reserves the right to choose the date and site of the conference, the sources said.

Negotiations also went on behind the scenes to find "neutral"

observers to police the cease-fire.

The observation force would work under the direction of a four-man cease-fire committee made up of representatives of the Lebanese Army and warring Christian, Druse and Shi'a Moslem militias.

The cease-fire committee, which held its eighth meeting yesterday, agreed to impose a moratorium on the construction of any new fortifications on or near the front lines, according to state radio. The committee was quoted as saying that efforts to improve military positions had prompted cease-fire violations.

## Ghali: Egypt won't negotiate alone

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said yesterday that Egypt will hold no future negotiations with Israel about the West Bank and Gaza unless the Palestinians and Jordanians are involved.

Ghali told a press conference during a visit to Sweden that the

Palestinian problem is the key to other conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa.

"We have contacts with (Palestine Liberation Organization leader) Yasser Arafat and will never negotiate with Israel again about the West Bank and Gaza unless the Palestinians and Jordanians also take part," he said.

## Massive subsidy reductions expected Treasury cutback plan awaits new government

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury will shortly present to the cabinet a new economic programme based on a \$1 billion cut from the budget, including a massive cut in subsidies, and possibly a reduction in cost-of-living pay increments.

Although the Treasury refused to comment on the new plan, it has been learned that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor plans to raise it immediately after the new cabinet is approved by the Knesset on Monday.

Aridor yesterday rejected a call from Herut activists to get rid of his top ministry officials. A source close to the minister said that Aridor gave his top aides full support at a meeting of party functionaries yesterday.

According to Israel TV, Aridor told Herut members that he had

also rejected a proposal by his aides to devalue the shekel by 40 per cent. The sources confirmed that there was a proposal to devalue the shekel, but insisted that the intention was to limit this measure to some 5 to 10 per cent.

The new economic programme does not include a devaluation of the shekel or administrative limitations on foreign currency accounts held by the public.

It will be the second time in recent months that the Treasury has presented a plan to cut \$1 billion from the budget. Last August, a \$1 billion cut was approved by the cabinet, but most of the cuts were never implemented due to Tami Party opposition and Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resignation.

Reacting to the proposed cuts in subsidies and the reduction in cost-of-living raises, Histadrut Trade union division head Yisrael Kessar

warned the Treasury against "opening a new front of problems" in labour relations.

Kessar, rejecting any moves to reduce the cost-of-living pay, added that the workers will not agree to pay the price of Aridor's "correct economics."

Kessar said the government has no say in the matter — it was not a party to the cost-of-living agreement, which was reached between the labour federation and the Manufacturers Association early this year. But the government formally promised the Histadrut that it would maintain the level of real wages, and the labour federation will demand that Aridor keep this promise, Kessar said.

The Histadrut's refusal to agree to the economic plan could lead to a row between the ministry and the labour federation leadership. In an extreme case, the government could (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

## Dollar fever cooling down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A definite slow-down in the purchase of foreign currency was felt yesterday throughout the banking network. Several bankers estimated total purchases in all forms — cash, travellers cheques and deposits in foreign currency accounts — at about \$10 million, significantly less than estimated for Wednesday which ranged from \$16m. to \$25m.

Nevertheless, despite the drop in buying, as well as the "total lack of panic buying," some branches ran out of money. In most cases, the needed money was ordered immediately, and brought to the bank within a few hours.

About half of the money purchased yesterday was in cash or travellers cheques, the rest for deposit in Patam accounts. One banker estimated that yesterday's purchases of cash or travellers cheques were about 2.5 times normal purchases for this time of the year, while deposits in Patam accounts were about three times normal.

## A wicked week for shares

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A near obsession with the prospects of a major devaluation of the shekel against the dollar caused a roller coaster pattern on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this week.

The funds for buying dollars came mainly from the sale of shares. A rapidly falling share market developed on Sunday when 178 securities fell by margins of 5 per cent or more.

On Monday the rush turned into a massive selling wave. During that session no fewer than 295 individual securities fell by margins of 5 per cent or more.

Investors began to place inordinately large sell orders for the shares of the commercial banks. It is common knowledge that bank shares are among the most liquid of investments on the Israel capital market and that they would not be registered as "sellers only." Investors could easily dispose of the bank shares to raise funds to cover foreign currency purchases.

On Tuesday, the General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, fell by 3.4 per cent, as an additional 219 securities fell by 5 per cent or more. The massive sell orders for bank shares were absorbed by the banks themselves.

Tuesday night's announcement by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor that there would be no "major devaluation" and that there would be no change in policy of devaluing the shekel in line with inflation signalled the beginning of a two-day rally, with 151 securities advancing by 5 per cent or more on Wednesday. This was followed on Thursday by another stock market session of rising prices with 119 securities up 5 per cent or more.

By the end of the trading week, the general share index, commercial banks excepted, was down by 6.3 per cent. A number of trading sectors fell more heavily than indicated by the general share index: Land development, real estate, citrus plantation issues and oil stocks fell by nearly 10 per cent. (Stock Market, Page 17)

## William Golding awarded Nobel Prize for literature

STOCKHOLM (AP). — British writer William Golding won the 1983 Nobel Prize in Literature yesterday.

Golding authored the well-known novel *Lord of the Flies*. The Swedish Academy, in announcing the award, cited Golding "for his novels which, with the perspicuity of realistic narrative art and diversity and universality of myth, illuminate the human condition in the world today." Golding, born in Cornwall 72 years ago, had not figured in speculation here. Graham Greene and Anthony Burgess were believed the strongest British candidates this year. (Background, Page 4).

Among other authors thought to have been in the running for this year's prize were Iranian poet Ahmad Shamlou, an opponent of



William Golding

both the late shah and the present Iranian government, Swiss dramatist Max Frisch, British novelist Doris Lessing and Anglo-Indian novelist Salman Rushdie.

## Shamir: No slowing in pace of settlement

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir yesterday reassured leaders of the Tehiya party that the pace of Jewish settlement in the West Bank will not be reduced.

Emerging from the Likud-Tehiya meeting, Tehiya MK Goula Cohen declared that "it was stressed that... this (settlement) plan is not a Tehiya plan and a Tehiya policy but a government plan and policy... There is no fear that other clauses in the coalition agreement will be implemented at the expense of settlement," she declared.

Yesterday's meeting was one of several consultations Shamir has held prior to the presentation of his proposed cabinet to the Knesset

next Monday morning. Shamir also took the formal step of informing President Chaim Herzog that he had succeeded in forming a coalition.

The acting head of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman, predicted that some 80,000 Jews will live in Judea and Samaria by the end of 1985.

Speaking after the session with Shamir, Ne'eman said that the participants had not discussed figures, but that he was confident the 80,000 mark will be reached if the present pace of settlement is maintained. So far, homes for 70,000 Jews already exist or are in various stages of construction in the territories, he said.

There seemed to remain some un-

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## Jewish anti-Nazi fighters recall exploits

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Recalling the startled shout of an SS soldier in Bialystok, the Yiddish songs of a Soviet infantry division and the role of an American general in the Normandy breakout, scholars and ex-fighters yesterday attempted to turn history's spotlight from the Jew as victim to the Jew as combatant.

"Everyone knows about the Holocaust, but Jewish resistance is a well-kept secret," said one speaker at the World Assembly to Commemorate Jewish Resistance and Combat During World War II. The meeting was held in Jerusalem.

The Warsaw Ghetto was the first urban centre to rise against the Nazis, and Jews were among the leading founders of partisan units, speakers noted.

The uprising of the Bialystok Ghetto was recalled by Knesset Member Chaika Grossman, who participated in it. Unlike the Warsaw uprising, which lasted for weeks, the Bialystok revolt was a short, sharp action in which young Jewish fighters armed with 300 weapons which had been smuggled into the ghetto, attempted unsuccessfully to rush the fence against German machine guns and open a way for the mass of Jews in the ghetto to break out.

"I will remember to my dying day," said the MK, "the shout of the SS soldier to his comrade as the man next to me was cut down. He shouted: 'The Jews are fighting.'"

Stefan Grayek, who participated in the Warsaw uprising, said the beginning of resistance by Jewish fighters there against the German war machine had infused a fighting spirit into tens of thousands of civilians remaining in the ghetto. "Once the fight for our self-respect began, it was easier to die."

Sam Gruber, Jewish partisan leader, estimated that some 50,000 Jews fought in partisan bands, some in all-Jewish units and others in mixed groups.

Heroism of another kind, that involved in maintaining human and communal values in the midst of hell, was cited by several speakers as no less impressive than armed resistance. "Family life, community life, continued in the midst of all the hardships," said former MK Sara Stern-Katan. "There is no example

like this anywhere else in the world. They revealed great internal powers."

The existence of a Jewish yishuv in Eretz Yisrael was a great sustaining force, she said. "The feeling was that even if we all died, the historical continuity of the Jewish people would be insured there."

In addition to resistance by Jews within the occupied countries of Europe Prof. Martin Gilbert of Oxford University noted, more than 1.4 million Jews were enlisted in the allied armies fighting Hitler. This number included 140,000 Jews in the Polish army, 6,000 of whom were to be killed on the field of battle in Hitler's first onslaught. In addition to some 60,000 Jews in the armies of Western Europe overrun by Germany and a similar number in the British armed forces, there were some 10,000 Jewish volunteers from South Africa, 16,000 from Canada and 3,000 from Australia and New Zealand. The U.S. Army had more than 500,000 Jews, and the Red Stern-Katan. "There is no example

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Haifa Port	30	21-26	28
Tiberias	—	14-23	24
Nazareth	—	14-28	29
Afula	28	11-30	31
Shomron	26	13-26	27
Tel Aviv	32	16-27	29
B-G Airport	31	14-31	32
Jericho	22	15-32	34
Giva	44	16-26	28
Beer Sheva	—	12-30	32
Eilat	18	18-32	34

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday held a reception at Beit Hanassi for members of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod president's mission. The participants held a candle-lighting ceremony at Yad Vashem before closing the mission last night.

Among those present yesterday at the reception given at Beit Hanassi by world WIZO president Raya Jaglom, in honour of Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, under whom WIZO's 20th day-care centre has just been named in Afula, were Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, Ministers Yitzhak Moda'i and Gideon Patz, Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin, the ambassadors of the U.S., Britain, Sweden, Norway, Brazil, France, Denmark, Austria, Italy and South Africa, Knesset Members Shimon Peres and Gad Ya'acobi, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the President of the Weizmann Institute, and many prominent personalities and members of the world WIZO-executive.

Marilyn Schwartzman, president of the Women's League for Israel, was guest of honour at a luncheon hosted on Wednesday by Hebrew University Chancellor Avraham Harman at the Maierdorf Faculty Club on the Mount Scopus campus.

The Weizmann Institute yesterday paid tribute to the memory of the late Prof. H.R. Lindner, a world-famous biologist, who at the time of his death last year, was serving as dean of the Institute's Faculty of Biology and head of its department of hormone research. Early in the afternoon, the Prof. H.R. Lindner Memorial Library was dedicated in the hormone research department, and later the first H.R. Lindner Memorial Lecture, established by Carola and Peter Kleeman of the UK, was given in the Wix Auditorium. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Jesse Roth, MD, chief of the diabetes branch, NIADDK, National Institutes of Health, who spoke on Evolutionary Origins of Hormones, Neurotransmitters, and other Intercellular Messengers: Implications for Mammalian Biology. Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute, was in the chair, and Prof. Michael Feldman, dean of biology, recalled the late Prof. Lindner's contributions to science in general and to science at the institute in particular.

# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Religious faith inspires search for oil in Israel

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Two American investors, one an Orthodox Jew and the other a born-again Christian, told a symposium on oil-exploration policy here yesterday how their exploration efforts in Israel are guided by business sense, geological expertise — and faith in the Lord.

Samuel Eisenstat, a New Yorker active in Jewish affairs and Israel Bonds, said that investment projects must be judged on their economic merits and that appeals to Jewish or Zionist sentiment should be reserved for charity. But he said that as a Jew, it is more important for him to discover oil or gas in Israel than in the U.S. and Canada.

Eisenstat described his small but growing gas field in the Hula Valley, which has become a money-maker. "The whole area is one big cholel pot loaded with gas, but there are technical problems with the gas extraction that must be overcome before we can significantly expand the field," he said.

Eisenstat was followed by Houston oil-man Andrew Sorelle, who is drilling what has become the deepest and most expensive well in the country's history, a 7,000-metre hole at Adit that has so far cost

about \$12 million.

Sorelle, a much-decorated fighter pilot in World War II, quoted scripture to explain his credo that "God will bless those who bless Israel." He said that he "became hooked on Israel" in 1968, and for the last several years, has been trying to help bring economic salvation to this country.

His choice of the drilling site at Adit was inspired by a biblical verse describing how "Asher dipped his foot in oil," and backed up by a geomagnetic survey technique developed by his firm.

Just shy of 7,000 metres, the drill run into a section of oil-bearing limestone, but its commercial potential cannot be tested until some drilling equipment stuck in the hole at that depth is fished out.

The symposium, sponsored by the Israel Centre for Energy Policies, concluded with a four-hour discussion of the problems hampering oil exploration in Israel. All participants agreed that oil in commercial quantities exists here, but that to discover it will take better geological preparatory work, more attractive incentives for foreign investors and the development of a systematic exploration strategy.



H. Paul Rosenberg (right), leader of a UJA fact-finding delegation, stands with Yad Vashem's Reuven Dafni before a sculpture memorializing Holocaust victims. The delegation, comprising 150 leaders of Jewish communities throughout the U.S., yesterday wound up a four-day visit to Israel with a trip to Yad Vashem and a state dinner given by Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor. (Zeev Ackerman)

## What switching the octane is all about

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With the introduction here of 96-octane petrol, owners of new cars should invest in a telephone call to their dealer to determine whether the new octane fuel is for them, the secretary of the Israel Garage Association, Zvi Pick, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"However, if a motorist has already been advised to use only 94-octane, he should certainly move up to 96 rather than down to 91," Pick said. Regardless of the age of a car, whenever a change is made from one octane to another, it is advisable to ask a serviceman to check and — if needed — adjust the ignition timing to prevent engine ping-pong or knocking, he added.

Octane is a numerical rating that indicates how well a petrol resists

combustion knock. Knocking (or "ping") results when part of the fuel ignites spontaneously, causing a sharp pressure rise in the cylinder.

A gasoline's octane is determined by comparing its performance in engine tests with the performance of a mixture of two hydrocarbon chemicals — heptane, with a known octane of zero, and isooctane, whose octane is 100. When this mixture's proportions are varied until it produces the same knock intensity as the petrol under test, the latter's octane is determined.

High octane petrol has been formulated for automobiles with high compression ratios, which means 9:1 and higher. The compression ratio of an engine expresses the relationship of cylinder volume when the piston is at the bottom of the stroke with its volume with the

piston at the top of the stroke.

Modern automotive engineering techniques have tended towards higher compression ratios, since fuel burns more efficiently as the ratio increases. For example, only 25 per cent of petrol's energy is converted into mechanical power by an engine with a 6:1 compression ratio. When the compression ratio is brought up to 12, the energy conversion factor is increased to 32 per cent.

When American car designers developed super-high-compression ratio engines, new and "better" petrols were refined with octanes even above 100. But severe engine knock appeared, and this was finally eliminated by introducing lead.

Environmental and health problems have since led to restrictions on the sale of leaded petrol.

## TREASURY

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try to reduce cost-of-living raises through legislative measures.

Meanwhile, the Treasury has been trying to inject a sense of optimism into the economic news. Yesterday, it officially announced that the level of imports was 35 per cent lower in September than in August and 35 per cent lower than in September 1982. The estimates were based on payment of import taxes.

During the day, the Treasury monitored the developments at the stock exchange. This followed Aridor's meeting on Wednesday with the heads of commercial banks on ways to help them support the prices of their shares.

Bank of Israel deputy governor Yakir Plessner, who said that the central bank and the Treasury will help commercial banks to support the value of their shares, predicted that the public will realize in a few days that there is no intention to devalue the shekel, and that calm will soon return.

Meeting the bankers yesterday was Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum, also to discuss share price support. Previously, the central bank and the Treasury had demanded that the banks raise interest rates on two-week deposits and that they promise to lower the yield of their shares.

## Canadian stymied in search for Israeli diamond thief

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE AVIV. — A Canadian man who was robbed in Germany of \$100,000 worth of diamonds, arrived in Israel last month on the tracks of the man who robbed him.

Bernard (Baruch) Klay, 67, managed to trace the man who allegedly robbed him. But after being treated rudely by the Tel Aviv police and being warned by Haifa police not to approach the robber, who is a criminal known to them, he decided to give up and is leaving Israel tomorrow, he said.

Klay, a retired diamond dealer, met an Israeli in Amsterdam and agreed to sell him \$100,000 worth of diamonds which Klay had saved for his old age.

The two met in Dusseldorf on February 22 last year, where the Israeli was to pay Klay for the diamonds he had received from him some months earlier.

But instead of receiving the money, Klay said, two other Israelis joined them and at gunpoint took from him the contract for the sale which Klay and the Israeli had signed.

Klay filed a complaint with the German police, and learned that the man he had dealt with was wanted by the police for other crimes, and had managed to escape from Germany. The German police were pleased to be rid of him, Klay said, and told him they would not ask for his extradition from Israel, due to the influx of Israeli criminals in Germany.

Klay came to Israel equipped with documents showing that the man was a wanted criminal. He first went to the Tel Aviv police head-

quarters on Rehov Harakevet, where two plainclothes policemen refused to listen to him, once they heard that the robbery had been committed in Germany, he said.

He traced the address of the robber's wife to Haifa, and went to the Haifa police, who immediately recognized the robber's name and told Klay he was a dangerous criminal. Investigations officer Pakad Micha Alberstein and his assistant Rav-Samuel Danny Cohen were extremely patient and helpful, Klay said. But when Klay expressed his intention of approaching the man, Alberstein warned him that the man was dangerous.

"Israel has turned into a sanctuary for Israeli criminals wanted abroad. These criminals give Israel a bad name," said Klay, who has visited Israel 25 times.

Haifa police spokesman Pakad David Frenkel confirmed Klay's story and said that if Klay had filed a complaint, the police would have acted on it, despite the fact that the robbery was committed in Germany. But Klay only wanted to approach the suspected robber and try to reach a compromise with him, Frenkel said.

**IS26m. in hashish.**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Coastal police recovered 520 kilograms of hashish packed inside 16 inner tubes found floating in the sea off the Acre coast on Wednesday afternoon.

The haul, with a street value of IS26 million, was towed ashore by a police patrol boat and has been locked away pending further inquiries. It will later be destroyed.

## FIGHTERS

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Army a similar number.

The Jewish participation in the U.S. Army was one-third larger than their proportion of the American population; according to George Soldan, commander of the Union of Jewish Veterans in the U.S. Among the outstanding Jewish soldiers he cited was Brig.-Gen. Morris Rose, who commanded the third Armour Division from the Normandy invasion until he was killed in action in Germany.

The Lithuanian Division of the Red Army had a majority of Jews in its ranks, according to Dr. Dov Levin.

One-third of all Jewish soldiers in the Soviet army won decorations, and 142 received the title "Hero of the Soviet Union."

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis brought personal greetings from President Ronald Reagan to the assembly. The four-day event, first of its kind, concluded at the Western Wall with a ceremony attended by President Chaim Herzog.

## SHAMIR

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certainty over who will head the Ministerial Settlement Committee in the new government.

According to the Tehiya, the issue has been settled, as it had been agreed that the new government would be a carbon copy of Prime Minister Menahem Begin's outgoing government. Ne'eman would therefore be de facto chairman, maintained Tehiya, because the last chairman, the late Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich, was not replaced.

## 30 more PLO officers rebel against Arafat

DAMASCUS. — A further 30 Palestinian officers have joined Fatah rebels opposed to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, the rebels said in a statement yesterday.

The statement, read at a press conference by a man who identified himself as Major Kamal Sheikh, said the officers had rebelled because Arafat did not respond to their demands.

Rebel spokesmen said earlier this week that more than 140 Fatah fighters and 50 Palestinian airmen had joined the revolt against Arafat, led by hardliners in the group seeking a tougher line towards Israel and a collective Fatah leadership.

The new rebels said in the statement that they decided to leave "positions in exile in Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia" and come to Syria to place themselves under the "political and military leadership" represented by rebel leader Abu Musa.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, Arafat

deputy Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) held a meeting of Palestinian writers and journalists that the dissidents were to call for an emergency meeting of the "Palestine National Council" within the next 48 hours to elect a new leadership for the PLO.

"This might take a month," said Khalaf, who is Arafat's second in command. "They (the rebels) will see this replacement completed before the forthcoming Arab summit conference gets under way in Saudi Arabia."

Khalaf accused Libyan leader Mu'ammar Gaddafi of "collusion with Syria" in trying to overthrow Arafat.

"The fact of the matter is, the Syrians do not accept the PLO as a self-governing, democratic entity," he said. "We are prepared to submit our resignations to the Arab peoples, if that is the wish of the Arab world. But we will never hand our resignations to (Syrian President Hafez) Assad or to Gaddafi."

(Reuters/AP)

## Pro-Israel Shia commander assassinated near Sidon

BEIRUT (AP). — An Israeli-backed militia commander in southern Lebanon was assassinated yesterday, police in Sidon reported.

The victim was identified as Hussein Wahbe, a Shia Moslem, who headed a local militia backed by the Israeli Defence Forces in the Adoun district south of Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon.

Police said Wahbe was killed at 8.15 a.m. as he was travelling in his

Mercedes Benz on the coastal highway linking Sidon with Tyre.

The IDF has been forming local Shia militias in almost every area of southern Lebanon since Israeli forces withdrew from central Lebanon to a new defence line along the Awali River just north of Sidon on September 4.

The Beirut-based leadership of Amal, the dominant militia and Lebanon's Shia sect, has publicly vowed to "punish" any collaborators with Israel in the south.

## Mubarak at '73 anniversary: Egypt must remain vigilant

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak said during celebrations for yesterday's 10th anniversary of the October 1973 war with Israel that Egypt's armed forces must maintain vigilance against potential aggression.

In a televised address to the nation, Mubarak paid tribute to the army's performance on October 6, 1973, when Egypt, led by the late president Anwar Sadat, crossed the Suez Canal into Sinai and pushed the Israelis out of their fortified positions.

"It is our strong obligation today to strengthen the combat capabilities of the armed forces to defend the country against outside aggression... We must be in a continued state of vigilance and readiness to deter aggression and defend our gains," he said.

Later, Mubarak laid wreaths at the pyramid-shaped monument in Egypt's unknown soldier and the nearby tomb of Sadat, who was gunned down on the same spot two years ago yesterday by Moslem fundamentalists while taking the salt at a military parade.

The good performance by Egyptian forces in 1973 has been a source of national pride to Egyptians, and Sadat always celebrated its anniversary with a mammoth military parade.

Mubarak decided to scrap the parade for five years following Sadat's assassination during the event marking the war's eighth anniversary in 1981. He opted instead for simple wreath-laying ceremonies and limited festivities in Cairo and the provinces for security considerations.

## Haddad leaves hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — South Lebanese militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad was discharged from the Rambam Hospital yesterday after four days of check-ups and treatment for "fatigue and exhaustion."

Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said that Haddad was advised to take a vacation.

## Kiryat Motzkin man killed by train

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Kiryat Motzkin man died instantly after he fell in the path of a train on the Haifa-Nahariya line in Kiryat Motzkin yesterday morning, police reported.

The man was in his 60s. His name is not being released.

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In Tel Aviv — from the Heichal Haseipor-plaza at 10.30 a.m.

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Lord Sieff:

## Ata must do better—or else

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — Lord Marcus Sieff, chairman of Marks and Spencer, the English department store chain, yesterday clarified reports that his company had decided to stop buying from Ata, Israel's largest textile firm.

"We gave them two years' notice to improve their export textiles. Unfortunately, until now Ata has not shown the same innovative ability as other plants," Sieff said. "He was in Afula for the dedication of a day care centre (see separate story)."

This statement differs from reports that Ata was unable to compete with manufacturers from other countries because of price. Marks and Spencer buys between \$7 million and \$8m. worth of merchandise from Ata each year — one-third of its total production.

Lord Sieff told *The Jerusalem Post* that the two-years' notice had been given over a year ago.

Sieff added that he would like to pay a tribute to David Arbell, the head of Ata. "He has done a good job, but has not received enough support."

Questioned about Israel's present economic situation, he said: "I query the Israeli government's economic policies which makes Israeli exports expensive and less profitable and imports less expensive and more profitable. All this when Israel's development depends on its exports."

Sieff had praise for Israeli workmanship and Israeli manufactured products. "You can compete in quality and value with anyone in the world."

But he added that much more could be done, noting that some plants with sophisticated machinery occasionally produce unsophisticated products.

## UJA leader retiring

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Irving Bernstein, long-time executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, is retiring and will be replaced in December by Stanley Horowitz, chief executive of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Bernstein, who joined the UJA 37 years ago, will continue his connection with the organization until the summer of 1986, when he reaches the age of 65. He intends to teach, lecture and participate in Jewish activities relating to Israel-Diaspora relations.

## Women get new role in Ramat Gan municipality

RAMAT GAN. — The Ramat Gan municipality is beginning a pilot project on Sunday, in which 10 women selected to serve on an advisory committee to the local council chairman will hold a two-day seminar to learn about their municipality. The project is based on a WIZO proposal, and the committee is chaired by Henda Artzi, former chairwoman of WIZO in Ramat Gan.

The purpose of the committee is to get women more involved in the affairs of their local community. The Women's International Zionist Organization, a nonpartisan group, would have liked to support women mayoralty candidates running on independent tickets, but since few women are involved in local politics it was felt that these committees were a more realistic place to start.

The women on the committees will have a mandate to work for improving the status of women and the welfare of the family, but will also propose and support projects to improve the quality of life for all citizens in the community.



Lady Sieff holds a tearful Fatasha child at yesterday's dedication of a child-care centre in Afula. Next to Lord Sieff is World WIZO president Raya Jaglani. (Dekel)

## Youth held in stabbing says he grabbed knife from victim

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 16-year-old Jewish youth from Gilo who stabbed to death 18-year-old Youssuf Sha'abuni on Tuesday is claiming that the Arab youth pulled a knife and that in their tussle, the Jewish youth got it away from him and used it to defend himself, police sources said yesterday.

As a minor, his name cannot be published. He was arrested after midnight yesterday, confessed to the stabbing, and showed a police videotape unit how the events occurred, at Independence Park in central Jerusalem.

## Housing officers urged for embassies

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli embassies abroad should have housing attaches along with other special personnel such as military attaches, commercial counsellors and the like, says Mordechai Yona, chairman of the Contractors and Builders Association of Jerusalem.

An association official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "I just returned from France where quite a few potential immigrants told me they are deferring their immigration because they cannot get a clear picture of the housing situation from the local embassy and consulates."

## Lebanon's heady arak coming to Israel

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The first Israeli import from Lebanon, 12,000 bottles of the famous Zahlawi arak arrived at Rosh Hanikra yesterday. The import came from the town of Zahla in the Syrian-controlled Northern Bekaa, which is to Iraq what Scotland is to whisky.

The arak was imported by the Middle East Trading Company, a subsidiary of the Danot concern, which was established half a year ago for the specific purpose of fostering trade with Lebanon. Until yesterday, it had only exported Israeli goods to Lebanon.

The firm's general manager, Yoram Katz, said that the arak was bought from one Zahla firm and that the deal had suffered protracted delays because of bureaucratic formalities and the need to print Hebrew labels and affix them to the bottles at the border.

Katz said the 92-proof arak will come on the market in a week or so and retail at "about \$1400 a bottle," and he foresaw a brisk demand because all arak connoisseurs are aware of the Zahlawi superiority. Customs and excise duties total over 200 per cent of the manufacturer's price.

Arak, the Arabic word for sweat, is distilled from dates or grapes and flavoured with aniseed.

## Eilat developer suspected in graft case

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Nisan Neuman, chairman of a government corporation for the development of Eilat's seafloor, appeared before Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday as a suspect in the receipt of special favours from contractors.

Neuman, 54, from Tel Aviv, had previously served as the corporation's general manager. The police prosecutor told Judge Avigdor Salton that Neuman had received special discounts for construction done on his villa by contractors who were working concurrently for the corporation.

The investigator said Neuman had confirmed most of the facts as presented by the police, but claimed that while he had "deviated from standard procedure," he had not broken the law.

Neuman was released on bail with the proviso that he not meet with others involved in the case for 21 days and remain in the country.

Two other youngsters arrested on Wednesday as possible suspects in the case were released when the 16-year-old confessed.

The killing took place in broad daylight on Tuesday just off King George Street in front of dozens of witnesses after a quarrel on a bus between the two youths. According to bus passengers, the Jewish youth had been harassing Sha'abuni, demanding that he show him his watch, and it was the Jewish youngster who challenged the Arab to a fight.

## Travellers' cheque business booming

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
TEL AVIV. — The sale of travellers' cheques continues to be a bustling business for local banks despite the end of the summer tourist season.

The travellers' cheques, as the name implies, are internationally accepted cheques issued by financial institutions such as Bank of America, Barclays Bank and American Express. Their purpose is to provide the holder with a safe alternative to cash.

According to foreign-exchange regulations, Israelis may hold \$300 in cash and another \$2,500 in travellers' cheques, bank cheques or overseas accounts.

In the recent rush to buy foreign currency, Israelis have found it convenient to buy their quota of travellers' cheques and are apparently purchasing them at a record pace.

The companies that issue the cheques are more than pleased by buyers' using the cheques to store foreign currency. "The issuers of the travellers' cheques cannot help but be happy with this development," noted a banker. "They have the use of the funds for an indefinite period of time," he said.

## Sheba to provide home care for aged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Families from Ramat Gan who would otherwise have to send their aged parents to a nursing home will now have the opportunity of keeping the family together, thanks to a new home-care programme being organized by the geriatrics department of Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer in cooperation with the Ramat Gan municipality.

At a press conference here yesterday, Dr. Marian Rabinowitz, director of the Sheba's geriatrics department, said that the programme is designed for persons for whom existing home care services are inadequate. The maximum cost is estimated at \$30,000-35,000 a month, with the family paying (or not paying anything) according to a graduated scale based on family income and other socio-economic factors. Institutional care costs \$560,000-100,000 a month, Rabinowitz said.

Home care will include home-maker service; visits by nurses, doctors and physiotherapists; family counselling; and other services as needed.

## Campaigning for Toussia-Cohen

## Sharon is king in the marketplace

By MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon descended into the Herut heartland yesterday and emerged a winner, with shouts of "Arik for prime minister" following him throughout a 2½ hour tour of Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market.

Sharon liked it; he answered one of the shouts with a quiet: "That (the prime ministership) will come." Another supporter was told: "Don't worry."

The former minister of defence was at his smiling best. He ran the gauntlet of the market's packed stalls, smiling, shaking hands and fondling vegetables. Even the press, which he has accused of nearly every possible sin, got the full weight of his charm. Instead of directly attacking the media, he said it must "get back to reporting the truth."

Sharon toured the market with the Likud's candidate for mayor of Jerusalem, Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, whose rather lacklustre campaign could do with some of the electricity which Sharon generates.

The two men were surrounded by burly security guards and policemen as they plunged into the narrow main concourse of the market. It took them over an hour to elbow their way through the 200-metre row of stalls. The solid mass of people packed around the minister and the candidate chanted, laughed, and stretched out their hands to touch Sharon.

"Five years ago, before he was

minister of defence, he walked about here and nobody paid any attention to him," one man behind a stall said. "Now look at him; he's king of Israel." His neighbour, leaning back on the stone wall said: "Come on, it's just for the elections."

As the guards pushed their way through the mass of people, Herut activists started chanting: "Arik, king of Israel." A few activists linked to Toussia-Cohen's campaign started to chant "Toussia, Toussia," but it didn't really catch on. It was Sharon's day, and everybody knew it.

At one or two points along the main concourse, the whole group of Sharon, Toussia-Cohen, their guards, supporters and reporters tried to cram into one shop. A woman peered into one of the shops and screamed: "They're eating tangerines."

A supporter of Mayor Teddy Kollek started to chant "Teddy, Teddy," but his voice seemed so out of place that instead of turning on him the crowd of supporters was astonished and amused.

Another man who shook Sharon's hand said: "The Likud's okay for the Knesset but not for the municipality." Sharon lifted a finger and said "It's very important, it's very important."

A few ultra-Orthodox men watched the mass of people bemusedly. A small grinning man wearing a Likud T-shirt squeezed his way over to them and screamed in their ear, "He's our admor (charismatic hassidic leader)."

Toussia-Cohen seemed to enjoy the reflected glory, but he got tougher questions from stall owners. After they finished walking through the main concourse of the market, the entourage turned into the narrow alleys on the other side of Rehov Mahaneh Yehuda. Here Toussia-Cohen was asked "what about the sewers? What about better roofing?"

"We know about your problem," Toussia-Cohen said, and an aide added: "Just vote for us and see how things get better."

Sharon kept stressing the importance of the local elections to the Likud. Sitting down for coffee in the Azura restaurant under a picture of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Sharon said that the municipal elections on October 25 will have an effect on the "starting line" of the Knesset elections even if the latter are held only in two years.

Sharon has been devoting the last weeks to touring the country, boosting Likud candidates for local elections and building up grassroots support among party activists.

Speaking of his help to the Likud campaign in Jerusalem — up to now two appearances — Sharon stressed what most Likud ministers say: Jerusalem is different and must have a Likud mayor. None of these ministers has referred to Toussia-Cohen's showing in public opinion polls which have given him less than 15 per cent.

After it was all over, a young woman who had been trying to get a peek at Sharon said, "Okay, so now they have done what they do before elections."

## Ya'acobi urges state support for commercial bank shares

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Economic Committee chairman, Gad Ya'acobi, yesterday called on the Finance Ministry to throw its unstinting support behind the commercial banks whose shares have been plummeting on the stock market.

The Labour MK said that the banks are sound, and the run on their shares is part of the general hysteria gripping the public, which is exemplified by the panicky buying of dollars.

Speaking at a press conference together with MK Adiel Amoral, (Labour) Ya'acobi castigated Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's "correct economics" as leading the country to financial and economic collapse.

The situation will deteriorate further, he said, for the price of commodities is steadily rising abroad, making the country's

adverse balance of payments "one of the fastest growing things in Israel." This gap will be \$5.5 billion to \$6b. in the current year, and "one billion of this is due to the Likud's mismanagement."

"In 1984, we will have to pay the U.S., in interest and in redemption of loans, more than all our aid from that country. And our total interest and loan repayments in that year will be more than the added value of all our exports."

Ya'acobi summed up the opposition Alignment's policy tersely: "The country should roll up its sleeves, get down to work, start producing and start exporting again." The only way to do this is to reverse the policy adopted by the present Finance Ministry, he added.

## Popular Israeli exhibit to close in Frankfurt

Jerusalem Post Staff

FRANKFURT. — A multi-media exhibit on Israel organized by the Israeli Foreign Ministry closes here this week after 38 days. It has been attended so far by more than 140,000 visitors.

The exhibit includes displays, movies and slide shows on Israeli history, tradition, ties to the world, and Jerusalem. The event was widely publicized in the German press and television and received approving reviews.

RESOLUTION. — The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Judges this week reconfirmed a resolution passed in 1981 urging the Soviet Union to release all information about Raoul Wallenberg and to release him immediately if he is still alive.

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## Soviets spurn Reagan missile bid as 'cover'

GENEVA (AP). — The U.S., seeking to break the deadlock in the Strategic Arms Reduction (START) Talks, yesterday proposed a "build-down" plan reducing long-range nuclear arms to the Soviets, who dismissed it in Moscow as a "cover" for boosting American weapons.

Gen. Edward Rowny, the chief U.S. negotiator, brought President Ronald Reagan's proposal to Soviet negotiator Viktor Karpov during a two-hour, 50-minute meeting at the Soviet mission, but had no comment for waiting reporters. Karpov and Rowny met privately for over two hours on Wednesday in a meeting of heads-of-delegation only.

The meeting of the full Soviet-U.S. delegations yesterday inaugurated a fifth round of the 15-month-old talks aimed at reducing strategic nuclear weapons. They parallel the separate Intermediate Range Nuclear Force (INF) talks here on limiting medium-range missiles in Europe.

Although the meeting between Rowny and Karpov opened cordially outside the ornate, white villa at the Soviet mission after a two-

month recess, the official Soviet news agency TASS branded Reagan's proposals "vague, obscure and unclear."

Reagan called for a "build-down" or destroying at least 5 per cent of each side's strategic missiles a year, while offering to negotiate limits on long-range bombers and air-launched cruise missiles. The U.S. holds a 410 to 343 edge on bombers over the Soviet Union.

Two-thirds of the Soviet force consists of heavy missiles.

The "build-down" concept means missiles would be destroyed faster than they are deployed. Senior U.S. officials say two intercontinental ballistic missiles, for example, might be retired for each new one, while submarine missiles would be updated on a three-for-two basis.

The Soviets have offered already to limit each side to a total of 1,800 missiles and bombers on Tuesday called in the UN for a freeze of U.S.-Soviet nuclear forces. The U.S. has about 1,600 missiles, while the Soviet Union has 2,340.

## Black leadership blasts S. Africa's constitution plan

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — Some of South Africa's most influential black leaders yesterday condemned the government's proposed new constitution as a recipe for violence.

"It polarizes the country into racially antagonistic groups and it hardens political attitudes and therefore is a prescription for violence," they said in a joint declaration.

The country's white electorate will vote in a referendum next month on the proposals that give a measure of political expression to coloureds (people of mixed race) and Asians but exclude blacks, who make up 70 per cent of the population.

Political observers said the significance of yesterday's meeting was that all of those involved were black leaders recognized by the white-minority Pretoria government. They included Chief Gatsba Buthelezi, leader of the powerful Zulu nation, heads of black homelands and Prime Minister George Matanzima of the nominally independent, though internationally unrecognized Transkei.

## Profile of Nobel prizewinner Golding first Briton to get literature prize in 30 years

LONDON (AP). — William Golding, best known for his novel *Lord of the Flies*, is the first British-born writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature for 30 years.

At 72, Golding — sometimes called the "first lord of the English novel" — lives in seclusion with his wife Ann in a cottage in Wiltshire, southern England.

He could not be reached by telephone yesterday after announcement of the prize by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm.

Naturalized Englishman Elias Canetti won the literature award in 1981, but the last native Briton to get the honour was Winston Churchill 30 years ago.

Author of 11 novels, one play and two volumes of essays, Golding's most successful work by far is the 1954 novel *Lord of the Flies*, a story of English schoolboys who survive a plane crash and are marooned on a deserted island where their primitive aggressions emerge.

The book, which was made into a movie in 1963, has sold 4.5 million copies worldwide and still is in

print, according to his publisher, Faber and Faber.

His most recent novel, *Rites of Passage*, published in 1980, won the prestigious Booker McConnell Prize and has sold about 140,000 copies in Britain alone.

Born in Cornwall, southwest England, on September 19, 1911, Golding was educated at Marlborough Grammar School and received a master's degree from Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1961.

He served in the Royal Navy during World War II, working his way through "cruisers, destroyers and minesweepers to the command of a rocket-launching ship."

"I'm always intensely apprehensive when I approach water — it's a fear-courage relationship," he once said in an interview.

After the war, he took a position at Bishop Wordsworth School at Salisbury, where he taught English literature for 15 years.

He has said that he first thought of himself as a poet, but decided he was no good at it and started work on *Lord of the Flies* at the age of 45.

## Chile riot police break up authorized demonstration

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Riot police used water cannon, tear gas and buckshot on Wednesday night to disperse several thousand young people leaving an officially authorized demonstration against Chile's military regime.

At least two people were seen bleeding from buckshot wounds and several others from beatings. Police said a transit policeman in the area was cut on the temple by a thrown rock. An undetermined number of people were seized and put aboard police buses.

The loud popping of gunfire and gas grenades erupted as demonstrators fled away from a flatbed truck after three hours of anti-government speeches, while an organizer exhorted them over a microphone to avoid provoking the police.

Many demonstrators left singing the national anthem but then

started chanting "He's going to fail," as they approached a plaza across from President Augusto Pinochet's office, five blocks from the rally site. It was not clear, however, what prompted the police to act.

The rally, organized by Christian Democratic, Socialist and Communist youth groups, had been permitted under a month-old political liberalization programme started by Pinochet, facing pressure from growing popular unrest over high unemployment and lack of political freedom.

Thousands of university students and other young activists — the estimates ranged from 5,000 to 15,000 — crowded into a two-block downtown area to hear live folk music amid speeches calling for Pinochet's replacement by a provisional regime that would call elections within 18 months.

## UK cabinet minister admits secretary carrying his child

LONDON (Reuters). — British Trade and Industry Minister Cecil Parkinson disclosed yesterday that he had an affair with a secretary who is pregnant with his child.

Parkinson, a close associate of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, was Conservative Party chairman during the June election and is regarded as the main architect of its landslide re-election triumph.

The wealthy 52-year-old minister named the woman in a statement late last night as Sara Keays, once

his secretary.

Parkinson said he had decided to issue a statement to end rumours about himself and Keays and to end harassment of her and her family.

Parkinson said he had planned to marry Keays but had now decided to stay with his wife Ann and their three daughters.

Thatcher's office said there was no question of Parkinson resigning.

"The prime minister takes the view that this is a private matter," an aide said.

## Sino-Soviet talks resume on healing 20-year dispute

PEKING (AP). — China and the Soviet Union opened their third round of talks yesterday on improving relations after a 20-year split.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev and his Chinese counterpart Qian Qichen began the talks, which are expected to last two or three weeks, with two or three meetings a week. Little progress was expected since both sides apparently remain divided over the focus of the talks.

A news blackout was imposed, and foreign photographers were barred from the opening session.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that it hopes the talks will concentrate on three obstacles that it says prevent normalization of relations: Soviet troops along the border and deployment of Soviet SS-20 missiles in the Far East; Soviet support for Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea; and Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. China maintains that all three threaten its security.

## Mubarak party sweeps Egyptian election

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party won all 70 seats at stake in Tuesday's national election to fill one-third of the seats of the Shura (consultative) council, according to final official results.

The NDP ran unopposed as all three opposition parties boycotted the election to protest against a winner-take-all rule.

## UN Assembly to tackle C. America situation

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The U.N. General Assembly agreed yesterday to take up the troubled Central American situation at its current 38th session.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto, who wrote UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on September 28 to ask that the Assembly take up the question, said the Central American situation was deteriorating fast. He said foreign intervention was being discussed publicly "as if it were a legitimate option and even a right of those who regard Central America as their strategic reserve."

His remark seemed to be aimed at the U.S., which has accused Nicaragua of supporting rebellion in El Salvador and in turn has been accused of supporting rebellion in Nicaragua.

## First Indian spaceman will orbit with Soviets

NEW DELHI (AP). — An Indian Air Force pilot currently training in the Soviet Union will become the first Indian to venture into space, the government announced yesterday.

Squadron leader Rakesh Sharma, 34, is to accompany two Soviet cosmonauts on an eight-day space mission in April.

Sharma and another Indian Air Force officer arrived last year in the Soviet Union for an 18-month training programme covering flight dynamics, spacecraft design, space navigation and aerospace medicine.

COSMOS. — The Soviet Union has orbited another satellite in its Cosmos series, the official news agency TASS reported yesterday.

## Walesa to give Nobel money to Polish Catholic church

GDANSK (AP). — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Walesa said yesterday that he was happy to have won the award, but regretted the dissolution of the Solidarity labour federation and the imprisonment of many of its members.

He said he is giving the award money to the Catholic Church.

"I am very happy. The whole working world is honoured, including millions of Poles," Walesa told a news conference held in St. Brygida's Church, parish of the Gdansk shipyards where Solidarity was launched during strikes three years ago.

Walesa was awarded the Prize on Wednesday for his leadership of the 9.5-million-member union, which was outlawed on October 8 last year during martial law.

"Many people are not as happy as

I am," the 40-year-old shipyard electrician said. "Many people are in prison, many are out of work. Many lesser-known people deserve the award."

Walesa said he would give the approximately \$190,000 award to Poland's Roman Catholic Church, which has been outspoken in its support of the labour movement.

Solidarity admirers around the world praised Walesa's selection. Pope John Paul II wired congratulations to his compatriot. U.S. President Ronald Reagan called the award a victory of "moral force over brute force."

Polish authorities did not say whether they would permit Walesa to leave Poland to accept the award, and the labour leader said he was considering sending a relative in his place.

## U.S. labour formally backs Mondale as Democrat choice

HOLLYWOOD (Reuters). — The AFL-CIO, America's largest trade union grouping, yesterday formally endorsed former vice-president Walter Mondale as its choice for the Democratic party's 1984 presidential candidate.

Accepting last week's recommendation by their general board, delegates to the biennial convention of the 14.5 million-strong American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations approved Mondale without dissent, standing and chanting "we want Fritz" — Mondale's nickname.

Among speakers in favour of the

resolution was Marty Hughes, a vice-president of the Communications Workers of America, who had led an earlier fight for the endorsement of senator John Glenn.

Mondale's ratification was a personal triumph for AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, mastermind of the controversial plan to have the labour movement throw its vast organizational resources behind a single candidate before the primary election season.

The Democratic Party's final candidate will then be nominated at a national convention.

## Army foils coup bid in Niger

NIAMEY, Niger (AP). — Niger Premier Mamane Oumarou, in a message to the nation broadcast over national radio yesterday, announced that an attempt to overthrow the government by "a group of armed men" had been foiled by the army, and order had been re-established.

"Taking advantage of the absence of the chief of state (Col. Seyni Kountche), a group of armed men thought they could easily take power," the premier said. "Thanks to the vigilance and patriotism of

the national armed forces, the situation has been taken care of and order re-established."

A diplomatic source in Niger's capital said it appeared the government had regained control of Niamey after a pre-dawn outbreak of gunfire.

He said "sporadic gunfire from small arms" broke out early yesterday in the western area of the capital, where the presidential palace and several army camps, including army headquarters, are located.

## 'Chinese pilot killed in defection try'

TAIPEI (Reuters). — A Chinese Air Force pilot was killed when his plane crashed as he tried to defect to Taiwan from the southern mainland province of Fujian, the Central News Agency here reported yesterday.

The semi-official agency quoted military intelligence reports as saying Ho Kuo-li took off in a MiG-19 from an airbase on May 27 in an attempt to defect to Taiwan, a short distance from Fujian.

He was intercepted by two other MiG-19s, which tried to force him to land, but Ho's plane crashed during the chase, the agency said. It did not give his age or rank.

Test pilot Sun Tien-Chien defected to South Korea in a MiG-21 in August and later came to Taiwan.

He was given \$3.5 million in gold by the Nationalist government and made a full colonel in the Taiwan Air Force.

## Cardinal Cooke of New York dies at 62

NEW YORK (AP). — Cardinal Terence Cooke, who rose from a modest job as a New York City priest to become the powerful head of the New York archdiocese, died yesterday at the age of 62.

Cooke, spiritual leader of 1.8 million Roman Catholics in the archdiocese and two million Catholics in the military, suffered from "acute leukemia complicating a chronic lymphoma condition," according to the archdiocese.

He spent the last days of his illness "at peace with himself" and

under a nurse's care at his residence in the chancery behind St. Patrick's Cathedral.

A commemorative holy mass will be celebrated in Notre Dame of Jerusalem Centre on next Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. Condolences and inscriptions into a joined memorial book will be received at the Centre from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

GERLACH, Nevada (Reuters). — British businessman Robert Noble drove his four-ton jet-powered car at an average speed of 1019.25 km. an hour yesterday to claim a world land speed record.

## Sports

### White Sox clip Orioles, Dodgers catch Phillies

BALTIMORE (AP). — Lamarr Hoyt won a duel of finesse and precision with Scott McGregor, pitching a five-hitter that carried the Chicago White Sox to a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday in game one of the American League playoffs.

The right-hander Hoyt, 24-10 and the most winning pitcher in baseball during the past two seasons, won again this time. He struck out only four batters, but he did not walk a soul. He gave up three singles, to Todd Cruz, Rick Dempsey and Cal Ripken Jr., and two doubles — by Ken Singleton and Dan Ford.

Left-hander McGreggor, the Orioles' top winner this year with an 18-7 record, had a slightly more adventurous, 6½-inning outing, while benefiting from some good defence. He escaped from peril in the second inning, then stungly gave up a run in the third. Sammy Stewart took over from McGreggor.

Tom Paciorek, the White Sox's 36-year-old first baseman who hit 400 against the Orioles this season, got the game-winning RBI with a single, and he scored an unearned run in the sixth without benefit of a hit.

The game was delayed 42 minutes by rain.

The second game in the best-of-five series will be played in Baltimore, with Mike Flanagan the starter for the Orioles and Floyd Bannister for Chicago.

In Los Angeles, Pedro Guerrero drilled a two-out, two-run triple in the fifth inning, breaking a tie and moving the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-1 victory in Wednesday night's second game of the National League championship series.

The Los Angeles triumph tied the best-of-five pennant playoff at 1-1. Game three is scheduled for today in Philadelphia, with Charles Hudson, starting for the Phillies against the Dodgers' Bob Welch.

Guerrero's shot rewarded the pitching of Fernando Valenzuela, who scattered seven hits before Tom Niedenfuer took over in the ninth. John Denny, a 19-game winner during the regular season, was the loser.

Valenzuela started the winning rally in the fifth with a drive that Garry Maddox dropped as he fell on the warning track. Valenzuela steamed into third base on the error.

The Phillies pulled the infield and Steve Sax bounced out. When Greg Brock bounced to third, Valenzuela tried to score and was easily thrown out by Mike Schmidt.

Just when it looked like the rally would fizzle, Dusty Baker worked Denny for a walk, bringing up Guerrero on a 2-2 pitch. Guerrero sent a shot into right field that scored past Sixto Lezcano for a triple, scoring Brock and Baker with unearned runs and putting the Angels in control.

### Mansdorf tackles Glickstein

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Top seeds Shlomo Glickstein and Amos Mansdorf will fight out today's singles final of the Israel Tennis Association's 1983 men's National Tennis Championships at the Tel Aviv University courts here, with Glickstein going for his seventh straight title in the annual event. In yesterday's wind-plagued semi-finals, top-seeded Glickstein defeated No. 5 Sini 6-1, 6-3 without much trouble, but Mansdorf was more extended in his 6-4, 6-3 success against sixth-seeded Russell Myers.

The final between Glickstein and Mansdorf will be telecast live at 3 p.m.

Last April Glickstein beat Mansdorf 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the ITA's ATP tournament in

Abdullah, after the latter had been within a point of leading 4-0 in the opening set of a scintillating contest. Commenting on today's final, Glickstein said he expected another hard match, while Mansdorf said he would be in with a chance if he could maintain his present top form. Play starts today at 10:30 a.m.

Mansdorf, Israel's No. 2, ranked 35th in the ATP world singles rankings, by virtue of winning a dozen doubles points in the \$25,000 ATP Futures satellite circuit. Parks finished in fourth place among the 150 starters in the tournament series, while his teammate Gili Shmuel, at 16 the "baby" of the event, was disqualified by reaching the main draw three times after fighting his way through a 120-minute qualifying tournament. The tournament ends on Wednesday night.

About 10 overseas players had arrived here by last night for this weekend's qualifying tournament in singles for the Israel Tennis Centre's \$30,000 Yava Grand Prix tournament. The two-day qualifier starts tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 a.m. with the four semifinals from the 32 pairings being played on the main draw. The tournament proper begins on Monday.

### SOCCER PREVIEW

#### Netanya in trouble

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Netanya, thought by every football pundit to be odds on to win the league title again, will be attempting on Saturday to glean their first points in the new season at their home ground in Netanya. It will not be easy, for the opposition is none other than their main challengers for the championship at this stage, Shimshon from Tel Aviv's Yemenu Quarter.

Shimshon ended last season second to Maccabi Netanya, and unlike the champions, have started this season with real sparkle, winning both their games in great style, while playing the best football yet seen this season. "Miki" Ben-Shitrit has joined veteran Gideon Danti in spearheading the Shimshon attack, and right behind them are Shlomo Mizrahi and Avi Malka, two top-notch midfield players. The team is fit and oozes confidence.

Netanya will again be without striker Oded Machness, but coach Motte Spiegel is hopeful that his

key midfielder Benny Lamm will be back in the lineup.

The joint leaders Hapoel Lod return tonight to play Hapoel Be'er Sheva. Both teams lost last Saturday, beating Maccabi Tel Aviv and Netanya. Maccabi Tel Aviv, who scored a brace in Tel Aviv last week, and Yemenu Quarter, the Tel Aviv club, will be looking to get back on track. Elie Weizmann, Shimshon's star, will lead the Yemenu charge.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, who shocked Maccabi Netanya at the latter's ground on the opening day of the season, will be aiming to do the same at Hapoel Be'er Sheva. Hapoel Tel Aviv return to the Bloomfield Stadium, hoping to recover what they lost in their encounter with first division newcomers Ramat Gan. The other two early promoted clubs, Hahaka and Bnei Tel Aviv have fixtures against Yemenu and Be'er Sheva respectively, and their prospects of upsetting the home teams are not bright.

### Still raining

Post Sports Staff  
NAGPUR, India. — The rains, which have made a mockery of the cricket tests between India and Pakistan, seem likely again in the third test now being played. Many hours have been lost because of the weather.

By the end of the second day, India, leading first, had been dismissed for 245. South Gavaskar made 50. Pakistan are also for once at the end of the second day.

### SPECIAL ELECTION IN GEORGIA

- Georgia has scheduled a special non-partisan election on October 18 to fill the 7th District Congressional seat, left vacant when representative Larry McDonald was killed aboard the Korean jetliner shot down by a Soviet fighter plane recently. A run-off, if necessary, is scheduled for November 8.
- Six countries comprise the 7th District: Bartow, Chattooga, Cobb, Dade, Floyd, and Walker. The district's largest city is Marietta. Anyone whose voting residence is in that district may vote in the October 18 special election.
- Overseas U.S. citizens who maintain a legal residence in Georgia, and who are required to be absent during the time from their voting district, may vote in this special election on October 18. However, Georgia law requires that the State registration card be completed and returned to the Board of Registration, County of Voting Residence, not later than 30 days before the election. A federal post card application (FPCA) may be used to request the registration card, and must be notarized by an American Consular Officer at the

American Embassy, 71 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. OR at the American Consulate General, Consular Section, Nabina Road, East Jerusalem, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Unless the person wishing to vote had already registered, September 19 was the deadline for return of the State registration card.

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All good things must come to an end; the bathing season at Herzliya's prize-winning beaches has ended. On Sunday, October 9, 1983, the beaches will be closed, with the exception of the Zevulun Beach, which will continue to provide free lifeguard services during the months of October and November.

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## The Post's Mark Segal talks to Amnon Rubinstein MK

**'Too many people in Labour are either close to Likud ideas or eager for office at any cost'**



(David Rubinger)

SHINUI CHAIRMAN Amnon Rubinstein is sincerely pleased that the Likud-Labour talks on forming a national unity government have broken down.

"I believe that democracy functions best when there is a clear distinction between government and opposition, which should only be suspended at a time of great national emergency. I'm really surprised that so many of my fellow Israelis do not understand how vital an aspect of the democratic process this is," he declares.

"Such a broad government would just be an expanded version of a Knesset committee, and it's doubtful whether it would function. I strongly contend that there must be a clear distinction between the government and the Knesset, which under such an arrangement would be blurred."

Rubinstein believes it would be tantamount to suicide for Labour to join such a coalition, explaining: "At the next elections, Labour would not be able to challenge the policies and performance of the Likud, under whose leadership it would have served."

He warned his friends in the Labour Party against even sitting down to talks with the Likud, borrowing examples from his sorry experiences with the defunct Democratic Movement for Change, which ran as a reform movement in the 1977 elections. Rubinstein's Shinui group, which grew out of the post-Yom Kippur War protest movement, was one of the major DMC components. But on joining the larger movement, Shinui found itself swamped by ex-generals like Yigael Yadin and old-time politicians like Shmuel Tamir, whom he accused of having both sacrificed and betrayed the DMC out of personal ambition, by bolstering the first Begin government without having any real influence on its policies.

In his view, the Labour leadership should have been courageous enough to tell the Likud: "Because we are the biggest faction, we should lead the national coalition." However, he regrets that "there are too many people in Labour who are either close to Likud ideas or eager for office at any cost." Although Shinui, with its two-MK faction, is a much smaller party, it has remained consistent in its views, he stresses.

**WHY SHINUI?** Rubinstein explains that no other party on the Israeli scene combines moderate foreign policy positions with a non-socialist economic and social programme. No other party is so forthright in its emphasis on civil rights, the rule of law and religious liberties.

If it weren't for Shinui, he says, these issues would have found no other spokesman on the political scene. Shinui is the only voice for liberalism with a small "l," since the party-bearing the big "L" of liberalism has so enthusiastically vanished into the embrace of Herut.

On the other hand, Shinui parted from Labour on such issues as the Jerusalem Law and the Golan Heights Bill, which would not have been enacted without Labour votes. Shinui's unique position in the political arena is exemplified by its constant fight against state-subsidies for political parties. This included a successful appeal to the High Court which led to the big parties having to refund money to the state.

At 52, Rubinstein, who comes from an established, well-to-do background and married a member of the aristocratic Sephardi Chelouche family, is considered a man of integrity in politics; he preferred to let Tamir take the justice portfolio rather than adopt a course of expediency.

"He made a name for himself through iconoclastic television programmes and articles in *Ha'aretz*, and entered politics from the academic world, after establishing a reputation as a brilliant law professor and serving as dean of the Tel Aviv University Law School.

At the time, I noted that he was being accused of political naivete. I recall that Rubinstein laughed and remarked that, after surviving 10 years of cutthroat university intrigues, the political scene seemed almost like a picnic.

Rubinstein acquired his taste for understatement and his rather donnish style during post-graduate studies in England. His inquiring intellect has produced a number of thought-provoking books, and his latest work, *The Zionist Dream Revisited*, will come out in autumn 1984, published by Schocken Books, New York. He is currently working on a manuscript dealing with Israeli constitutional law, in which he has specialized. He has two children, a son serving in the army and a daughter who is a playwright.

His party would not under the present circumstances join a national coalition, for they could not serve in a cabinet led by Yitzhak Shamir, which had Ariel Sharon as a member. "We would be disloyal to our pledges to our voters," he declares, explaining why they had stayed out of the coalition negotiations in the wake of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resignation.

Rubinstein thinks Labour's original sin was accepting Yitzhak Shamir's invitation to the talks. Not only did they turn out to be a futile exercise, but Labour thereby forfeited its right to criticize the Likud in the future, he feels.

The Shinui chairman regrets that Labour adopted expediency in its efforts to regain power. He cites two examples: its "soft" stand on the Aharon Abuhazzeira issue, with

Labour consorting with a felon, and the party's active courting of Agudat Yisrael and its apparent readiness to make large-scale concessions to the anti-Zionist faction.

"Shimon Peres must realize that what matters is how his party will look at the next general election," says Rubinstein. "This latest move is likely to cause it a loss of ground. I'd like to ask him and his fellow Labour leaders: What's so terrible about being in the opposition and fighting the government? After all, it's an integral part of the parliamentary game in all democracies. Labour has to learn how to sit it out in the opposition and ready itself for the next chance to replace the Likud."

**ARE THERE** no circumstances under which a national coalition would be justified? Say, in order to push Arik Sharon out of his seat in the cabinet? The example is irrelevant, Rubinstein says, "because Sharon's power is in the streets, and not in the party system." Only when a real emergency — like war — confronts the nation, should all parties be ready to compromise their political principles for such a cause, he declares, and at no other time. It is certainly not justified at this juncture.

"Certainly there's no need to accord legitimacy to the Likud leadership after the total collapse of its policies in Lebanon and its economic stewardship."

The Shinui leader parts from Labour on its timetable for the withdrawal from Lebanon, arguing against a unilateral pullout. First of all, steps have to be taken to set up security arrangements in Southern Lebanon based on local militias and Major Sa'ad Haddad's forces. Rubinstein sees no reason why the generally successful pre-1982 policy should not be revived for that area.

Discussing his Knesset vote in June 1982 at the outset of the campaign, Rubinstein says, "We were led to believe that what was called 'Operation Peace for Galilee' was aimed at protecting the security of the northern border settlements. That aim, to my mind, would have been justifiable, but the government allowed itself to be duped by Arik Sharon, who professed the presumptuous design of imposing a new order on Lebanon."

The Shinui leader cannot find any precedent for the erroneous assumptions on which the campaign in Lebanon was based (nor for the Likud's "correct economics," he adds). The Arik Sharon-Rafael Eitan team was, in his estimation, "qualified only to carry out limited military operations at brigade level."

At this juncture, he relates two highly revealing incidents involving the late Liberal leader and deputy premier, Simha Ehrlich.

Rubinstein and Virshubsky met Ehrlich on the day the war was launched, and he assured them that it would be a short campaign.

"As it turned out, Ehrlich was as duped as we were. He told us that the army would not go beyond the Zaharani. It was only later that Ehrlich realized how he and other members of the government had been duped by the Sharon-Eitan team. He was exceedingly unhappy," Rubinstein recalls.

The second incident took place when they rushed over to Ehrlich's office in the Knesset to sound him out on radio reports of fighting with the Syrians on the Damascus-Beirut highway after the cease-fire had been declared, involving the loss of many Israeli soldiers. Ehrlich was acting premier at the time, with Begin away in the U.S.

"It turned out that the fighting was proceeding without cabinet authorization. Ehrlich was as alarmed as we were over the reports, telling us that the army was engaged in battle without any cabinet order."

"Just then the phone rang. It was Yitzhak Shamir calling from the Foreign Ministry. He wanted to know what was going on. Ehrlich told him that he had spoken with the chief of staff, who denied the radio report, claiming 'none of our tanks have moved.'"

Subsequently, Rubinstein recalls, Ehrlich conceded in a TV interview that he and the rest of the cabinet had been deliberately misled."

He continues indignantly: "I call it blatant lying to the acting premier by the chief of staff, with the collusion of the defence minister, who lied to the cabinet time and again throughout the war."

"Ehrlich used to say of Sharon, 'He's never been caught telling a word of truth'. I told Ehrlich at the time: 'You always warned me about Sharon and the danger he presented to our democracy.' To which he replied: 'Have you ever heard me retract a word about that man?'"

government to appoint the Kahan Commission.

IS THE Shinui chairman concerned about the fate of democracy in Israel?

"No, I'm not worried about there being a coup, or anything like that. But I am worried about some trends in our society, and that some young people think that the use of force

offers a better solution to problems. I'm also concerned about the erosion of norms that we have built up over 35 years of national independence."

"The blatant use of lies in public life has become a norm. Aharon Abuhazzeira was convicted of theft and sentenced, and yet his public standing remains unaffected. Then we have too many instances where

civil servants appointed by the Likud have lost any shred of pretence to objectivity, and allow themselves to attack elected members of Knesset with impunity."

Rubinstein fears that Israelis have become impervious to what they used to regard as corrupt in the past. He is scandalized by a government that bribed the electorate by

increasing the country's foreign debt, which now threatens to get out of hand. Nevertheless, he believes the democratic basis of Israeli society is inherently sound.

I obtained no clear answer as to why the attorney-general has not taken steps to put a stop to Sharon's attacks. He did say, however: "I want the electorate to realize that it is dealing with a very dangerous

man who won't stop at anything to get his way, including constant attacks on the judiciary and the president of the Supreme Court."

Rubinstein regrets that "under the Likud, the principle of collective responsibility has been eroded, with attacks on the cabinet by ministers like Sharon an everyday phenomenon."

Is a new centre party on the cards? Rubinstein shudders at the idea of a repetition of the DMC experiment. Shinui suggested that Liberal dissenters Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman form a parliamentary bloc with them, but they did not respond. As for a centre party led by a "star" like Ezer Weizman, Rubinstein does not think the former defence minister has yet made up his mind to go on his own ticket.

He thinks Shinui has definite chances of growing, with many traditional Likud and Labour voters becoming increasingly disillusioned. The Liberals, he contends, will soon realize they have been sold down the river by Likud, with Herut populism pushing anti-business policies and religious freedom sacrificed to the Aguda bigotry. In the same way, many people who opted for Labour, today realize they were misled, and their votes used to support Tehiya measures like the Golan Bill.

He remembers, without rancour, the appeal to erstwhile Shinui supporters by Yossi Sarid during the 1981 election campaign, that they should not vote for Shinui but for Labour, because "it will be the first party to be called upon by the president to form a government."

Declared Rubinstein: "We've seen now that Sarid's claim was nonsense. It's now clear that the party which forms a coalition is the one that can muster sufficient votes in the Knesset, not the one with the largest number of mandates."

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THE SCUTTling of the national unity government proposal finds all survivors agreeing on only one thing — that the other side was to blame for the failure of the talks.

But after intensive discussions with the Likud and Labour, we have learned that both premier-designate Yitzhak Shamir and opposition leader Shimon Peres were equally sincere in their efforts to form a grand coalition, but spanners were thrown in the works by their colleagues.

Likud insiders say that Shamir, who felt he needed wall-to-wall backing in order to consolidate his own position at the nation's helm, was torpedoed from the top, by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's warning about taking "an exceedingly big risk," and by the efforts of Deputy Premier David Levy.

The man from Beit She'an proved himself as good a spoiler as either Shimon Peres or Yitzhak Rabin. He also showed that while the Herut central committee may have turned him down, it did not take him out of the running.

All this may explain Levy's sudden switch to an ultra-hawkish profile that would have suited his arch-adversary, former defence minister Ariel Sharon. Indeed, Sharon and Levy found themselves on the same side at Sunday's cabinet meeting, with Levy borrowing the argument to dismiss the talks as a Labour ploy to divide and rule.

Some Herut insiders insist that the hawkish turn comes from Levy's reading of the Herut leadership election returns. Levy's advisers are said to have told him that his 40 per cent share of the central committee ballots would have been larger, had it not been for his "soft" image on the Lebanon war.

The highest marks for sincerity seem to go to a genuine hawk, Defence Minister Moshe Arens. Our Herut sources insist that Arens really was ready to relinquish his portfolio to make the negotiations succeed. On the other hand, I've been told that the Liberal member of the Likud negotiating team, Justice Minister Moshe Nisim, was most worried about his party's seats around the cabinet table.

ON THE LABOUR front, I've learned that Yitzhak Rabin's surprising display of solidarity dimmed considerably after it became clear that Shamir had no plans to give Labour the defence portfolio, currently the property of Moshe Arens.

THE BAYONET CHARGE in Italy was an afterthought, recalled by the Israeli engineer at the end of the conversation.

The unburnt books and the poetry were brought up by the New York housewife as a counterpoint to her tale of violence in Warsaw.

The two were among the participants in this week's World assembly to Commemorate Jewish Resistance and Combat During World War II and their personal asides illuminated from different angles the conference's theme — that Jews in the Hitler years were not just passive victims of their fate — better than all the speeches and ceremonies.

ALTHOUGH 39 years have passed since he wore the emblem of the Jewish Brigade, soldierly-looking Yohanan Pelz appeared out of uniform in his tie and white shirt as he sat in the hotel lobby alongside the retired British colonel. Pelz wore the smile of someone basking in the visit of a favourite uncle. "He taught us everything we knew about fighting as a unit."

The colonel, G.P. Salmond, might have just stepped out of a Pall Mall club. He had commanded a British paratroop battalion before being seconded to the newly formed Jewish Brigade in Italy in 1944, as a battalion commander, one of the handful of non-Jewish officers in the brigade. He had two months to whip his Palestinian volunteers into shape before they were moved into

the line in northern Italy for their first confrontation with the Germans.

"We were several thousand men with no battle experience in organized units," recalled Pelz, who had been a deputy company commander under Salmond. "For the first time, we began to work at the level of platoon, company, battalion and brigade."

The battalion was deployed along a drainage canal in defensive position. "That's what you want to do with a new unit," said Col. Salmond. "Not throw them into battle and kill them all. After they've been blooded, you can go for the big show."

THE UNIT was the only independent Jewish military formation in the Allied armies and its men wore an emblem with a golden Star of David. It had taken years of pressure before the British had agreed to its formation.

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RED CARPETS are being unrolled for the arrival next week of Californians Charles Wick and his wife, Mary Jane, who is not only head of the U.S. Information Agency, but also one of the closest friends of President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy. Wick was co-chairman of Reagan's inaugural committee and before that was deeply involved in Reagan's political career.

MANY PROMINENT art collectors came to Israel this week from around the world to celebrate the inauguration of Beit Rubin, and to mark the ninth anniversary of painter Reuven Rubin's passing. Yesterday's ceremony, attended by President Chaim Herzog, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, was a national tribute to one of our leading artists (and our first ambassador to Rumania); it also showed the universal affection that exists for his indefatigable widow, Esther, whose firm resolve to honour her husband's dying wishes to convert their old family home on Rehov Bialik into a museum, has enhanced the city's landscape.

Among those who could not find seats at the crowded opening were British Ambassador Patrick Moberley, Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dultzin and his wife, Annette, banker Benno Gitter, and Zabin Mehta. The India-born maestro showed how much of an Israeli he's become as he asked friends in the gathering to lend him some cash. He'd apparently not been to the bank, and needed to buy petrol for a trip to Haifa.

On Saturday, Mrs. Rubin showed once more why she is known as one of Israel's best hostesses, when she gave a lunch at her Caesarea home for all those friends and collectors who had flown here for the occasion. The New York contingent included Sally Pepper, Janice Levine, Leo Gildesman, Stella Fishback and Richard Zaslav, a governor of the Museum of Modern Art; European collectors included André Bolag of Zurich. The best-known guest from Los Angeles was Victor Carter, who paid tribute to Reuven Rubin in a short after-lunch speech.

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The museum's curator is the artist's daughter-in-law, Carmella, who has an MA in the history of art from Tufts University.

Some of the guests also attended yesterday's 70th birthday party given for Lord Marcus Sieff by World WIZO president Rava Jaglom at her elegant penthouse.

THE SEASON of charity benefits was launched last night with the Israeli first night screening at Tel Aviv's Lev-On cinema of *Local Hero*, a Hollywood movie with an ecological theme filmed in Eilat and starring Burt Lancaster. The event was in aid of the Council for a Beautiful Israel under the patronage of its international president, Aura Herzog.

COMEDIENNE Phyllis Diller will soon make her first visit to Israel. She'll be here on October 24, to tee off the first Anti-Defamation League Celebrity Golf Tournament at the Caesarea Golf Club. Diller's arriving with another 30 Hollywood luminaries, including TV celebrity Monty Hall and his wife, Paramount producer Marjorie Hall, and comedian Don Adams.

WE'VE BEEN MAKING so many negative economic headlines lately that it's a rare pleasure to report something positive on that front. The most recent edition of *Who's Who in Economics* lists nine Israelis among the globe's 678 top men in the field. That puts Israel in sixth place, albeit far behind the leader (the U.S., with 468). The nine all from the Hebrew University, are professors Don Patinkin, the H.U. president; Yoram Ben-Porath; Michael Bruno; Reuven Grogan; Giora Hanoch; David Levy; Haim Levy; Eitan Sheshinski; and Menachem Yair.

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Esther Rubin in the just-opened Beit Rubin, on Tel Aviv's Rehov Bialik.

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The three senior cabinet posts to be made available to Labour — deputy premier, foreign minister, and finance minister — did not interest the ex-premier.

Perhaps it was at that stage, the sources say, that Rabin switched to a spoiler role, to frustrate any chance Peres might have had for a ministerial position. Rabin is said to believe that this is Peres' last chance to enter any government. By the next elections, it is pointed out, Peres will be facing challenges from Rabin and from former president Yitzhak Navon, with ex-chief-of-staff Mordechai (Motta) Gur also ready to step into the arena. Gur openly opposed the grand coalition talks, as did such pro-Navon people as Uzi Baram of the Jerusalem Labour branch and Tel Aviv branch boss Eliahu Speiser.

THE RESURRECTION of former justice minister Haim Zadok as a member of the Labour negotiating team has not been welcomed by Haifa MK Moshe Shahal, the Labour Knesset faction head. One of the reasons was that Shahal saw his senior position in the party slipping away, into Zadok's grasp.

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## Of bayonets and books

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Vladka Meed.

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tack on the salient.

"I learned for the first time," said Pelz, "how to plan an attack. First, he had me do patrols. I did four night patrols. Each time I came back to report what I found — minefields or shrubbery offering cover. The last night I lay right on their trench and heard them playing *Lili Marlene* on a phonograph. That's how I learned the song."

Salmond fixed the attack for the next day at 10 a.m. "The people out there were used to attacks at dawn or dusk," said the colonel. After a softening up of the German position with shellfire and aircraft, Pelz led his men in a bayonet attack.

"It was the first, and I think only, bayonet charge by a Jewish force," said Pelz. "The Germans didn't know what hit them. We killed

everyone in the position and took 13 prisoners in a neighbouring position." Two of the attackers were killed.

Returning to Palestine, the Brigade veterans soon put their training and experience to use in the War of Independence. "I used the same tactics when I commanded the point company in Operation Nachshon to free Jerusalem," said Pelz. His commander in that operation was another Brigade veteran, Haim Laskov, a future chief of staff.

For Pelz, that bayonet charge by untested Jewish troops against the veterans of the German army symbolized the transition of the poorly trained defenders of the yishuv into a fighting force that would become one of the most formidable in the world.

FOR VLADKA MEED and her comrades in Warsaw, there could be no bayonet charge against their enemy. She was only 17 when the Nazis marched into Poland. The walls built around the ghetto were soon enclosing upwards of 500,000 defenceless Jews.

However, the score of youth organizations in the ghetto did not surrender to despair. They united to form the Jewish Fighting Organization and Vladka, because of Aryan features, was among those smuggled out to bring in armaments. Several

times she made her way into the ghetto with dynamite and chemicals for homemade explosives. On the Aryan side, where the danger of betrayal was constant, she sought for homes into which Jewish youths smuggled out of the ghetto could be placed.

As the Fighting Organization began to make its authority felt among the 60,000 Jews remaining in the ghetto early in 1943, Vladka could sense a new mood during her periodic forays back over the wall. "I could hear hammering at night. People were building hiding places and bunkers. There was a determination not to be led away any more, a determination to fight."

Individual Jews not affiliated with the fighting organization were also acquiring arms. Scores of weapons had been smuggled into the ghetto and an explosives factory was turning out grenades and mines. The German commander would later report finding 631 bunkers beneath the ghetto ruins.

Vladka was on the Aryan side preparing to return to the ghetto on Pessah eve, when the final German assault began. From a window of an apartment overlooking the wall, she could see the battle. For some days, there was telephone contact between the ghetto fighters and their colleagues on the Aryan side.

On the 19th day, two of the fighters made their way out through the sewers and reached Vladka's apartment to request assistance. There could be none, but the fighters in the ghetto would continue the battle for another three weeks to the amazement of the Polish population before the German commander reported the uprising liquidated. Some 60 survivors would escape through the sewers.

Vladka remained with the Jewish underground and partisan units in the forests as a courier until the war's end. She and her husband Benjamin, a ghetto survivor whom she married after the war, reached the U.S. in 1945. They have two children, both physicians, and four grandchildren.

"It makes me sick to hear that Jews went to the slaughter like sheep," she says. "Resistance was a gun in your hand is not the only resistance. There is a moral, ethical resistance and this we had all those years. Some people broke. But the majority thought of living through it in a dignified and human way."

In the ghetto winters, the residents had searched for anything combustible in order to keep their fires going. But her mother, recalls Vladka, had refused to burn their books, even though she was not a "bookish" person.

"This was resistance. If they kept illegal schools going during all that time and wrote poetry and had choirs and synagogues, that was resistance. If not for this kind of resistance, this attempt to survive with dignity, I don't know if there could have been an armed resistance."

IN ALL, more than 1.5 million Jews are estimated to have participated in the fight against the Nazis whether in the ranks of the Allied armies or as partisans. The assembly, marking the 40th year since the Warsaw uprising, is the first attempt to bring together representatives of these fighting bodies.

With its reminder of Jewish bayonets and unburnt books it is an eloquent antidote to the sheep-to-slaughter image that has haunted the post-Holocaust generation.

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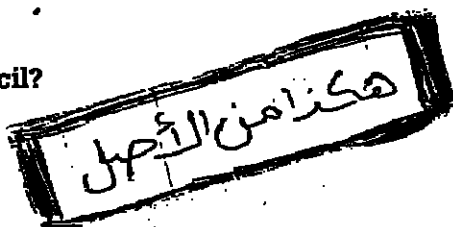
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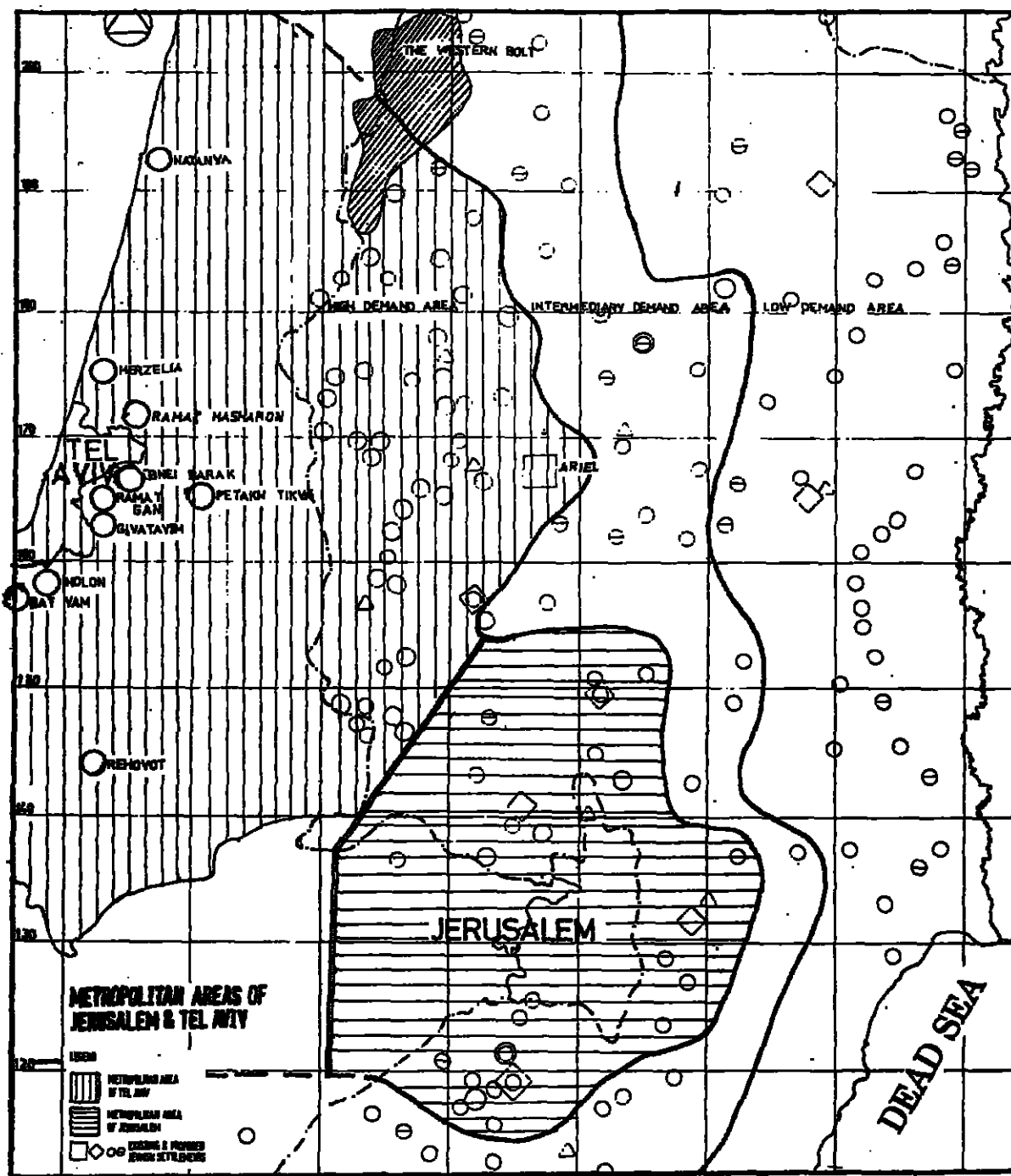
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# Labour's urban sprawl

By DAVID RICHARDSON



WHEN Meron Benvenisti first published the findings of his research into the social, demographic and economic trends of Israeli settlement in the West Bank a little over a year ago, he sparked off a debate over the irreversibility of the Likud government's drive to splice the area to Israel's midriff.

He argued that the demographic trends put in motion by the government's policy of bribing people across the "Green Line" would create a captive electorate. People who had chosen to move into the occupied territories for economic reasons would become ideological voters in order to protect their homes.

Benvenisti, who comes from the left-wing of Israel's political spectrum (who else would bother to really study what is happening in the West Bank?), has been understandably coy about his own political conclusions from his study.

As an academic researcher into "pluralistic societies," he must at least appear professionally objective.

The most he would say last year was that talk of withdrawal was becoming increasingly irrelevant as the demographic shifts gained momentum and that anti-annexationists must rather concentrate on a "process of disentanglement."

His deliberately vague phrase "five minutes to midnight" became the nub of the debate. Is it or is it not too late to still talk of withdrawal? Is the emerging captive electorate monolithic and sufficiently large to block any concessions by the non-annexationists in Israeli politics?

"Defeatism on the liberal-left is nothing new," wrote David Twersky in an incisive dismissal of the pessimistic conclusion that it was already too late and that the struggle should now become one for equal civil rights for the Palestinians Israel was ingesting along with territories (*Jerusalem Post*, September 15, 1983).

"Defeatism" may not be new as Twersky, editor of the Labour movement monthly *Spectrum*, sees it, but nor is woolly-headed sentimentalism and self-pity in the Labour movement. And it is this failure to come to terms with its own mistakes and the inherent contradictions of its policies that emerged during last week's futile haggling over a settlement freeze between Labour and Likud leaders.

Twersky argued that to abandon the question of the eventual sovereignty over the territories was unnecessarily defeatist since it was based on a mistaken assumption. Israel's urban invasion of the West Bank is far slower and far more complex than would appear from a cursory study of the settlement map or from occasional trips through Judea and Samaria.

His arguments were solidly reinforced this week by Benvenisti himself, who was goaded by what he considered irrelevant talk of a settlement freeze into publishing the findings of his past year's research.

BENVENISTI'S maps and tables of current and projected population density are based on those of Israel's military and urban planners who have been the main architects of settlement in the West Bank.

Like them he divides the area into four: — the Jordan Valley, the Samaria and Judea mountain range, and the metropolitan hinterland around Jerusalem and east of Tel Aviv. Government planners and marketers of settlement now refer to these blocks as high, intermediary and low demand areas.

Of the 100-odd settlements and towns already built in the area, 66 will be of no demographic significance, concludes Benvenisti. In most of these settlements, half of the already completed apartments are still empty.

These 66 settlements constitute most of the settlement drive in the Jordan Valley and along the mountain ridge.

Even in terms of the government's declared aim of moving 100,000 Jews into the West Bank by 1986, the Jordan Valley and the mountain ridge will not contain 25 per cent of the Jewish population in the territories. In terms of the surrounding Arab population, by 1991 the Jewish population in the valley will constitute only 13.6 per cent of the population, while in the central strip it will barely reach 4 per cent (a maximum of 23,000 Jews, including those in "towns" like Kiryat Arba, surrounded by 550,000 Arabs).

THE REAL potential for demographic shifts exists in the areas 15 to 20 minutes' commuting time from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Already, 35,000 people have moved out of central Tel Aviv to its peripheral suburbs and there is no

## INCONVENIENT PEACE

By AMNON DOTHAN



Moshe Arens (IPPA)

Binyamin "Fuad" Ben-Eliezer as coordinator for the occupied territories.

As West Bank military governor during 1978-1981, Fuad had blocked the development of the village leagues movement and even harassed the lone Hebron league.

The establishment of this first league was approved in 1978 by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman following the application made — prior to the signing of the Camp David accords — by Mustafa Duden, a West Banker who had served in several Jordanian governments.

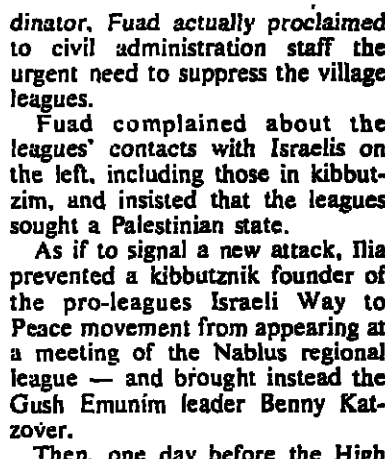
While Fuad mocked and opposed Duden's concept — indeed, no more leagues were formed during Fuad's tenure — he did nothing to halt the activities and agitation of the PLO's West Bank proxy, the Committee for National Guidance.

But leagues proponent Milson, who took over the civil administration when Fuad departed in November 1981, moved quickly to ban the extremist committee. He proceeded to depose seven pro-PLO mayors. The result: by May 1982, West Bank unrest had ended. The West Bank remained quiet (aside from outbursts over the attack on the Temple Mount) during the rest of Milson's tenure, despite the war in Lebanon and the election of the PLO, and even after the Sabra and Shatila massacres.

Meanwhile, five more regional village leagues and tens of local leagues sprang up, covering almost the entire rural population. They served as intermediaries between the civil administration and the Palestinians.

WHILE ARENS may plead ignorance of inclinations of Ilia, a senior officer on loan from military intelligence, he surely knew Fuad's position when he appointed him.

In any event, right after the ceremony on July 20 for the departing occupied territories coor-



Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (IDF)

inator, Fuad actually proclaimed to civil administration staff the urgent need to suppress the village leagues.

Fuad complained about the leagues' contacts with Israelis on the left, including those in kibbutzim, and insisted that the leagues sought a Palestinian state.

As if to signal a new attack, Ilia prevented a kibbutznik founder of the pro-leagues Israeli Way to Peace movement from appearing at a meeting of the Nablus regional league — and brought instead the Gush Emunim leader Benny Katzover.

Then, one day before the High Court was to hear the deposed Nasser's appeal, Ilia changed the law on the leagues to prevent Nasser from regaining his position even if he won his case. The amendment also puts most league chairmen at Ilia's mercy.

That same day, Nasser's telephone went dead.

BUT DUDEIN, undaunted by this paradoxical official enmity towards moderate Palestinians, soon circulated copies of a draft "Palestinian National Covenant for Peace" at a meeting in Ramallah of the Village Leagues Union, which he headed.

This document, clearly intended to challenge the PLO covenant, was addressed only to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza and gave a decisive role to the Democratic Movement for Peace, the West Bank political party that Duden and the leagues proposed to form.

Then Arens' men stopped publication of the leagues Union's paper, *El-Mira*, as the prelude to dissolving the union itself in order to deprive Duden of a political base. Duden resigned in protest a few days later.

Even MORE SHOCKING than this campaign under Arens against West Bank moderates has been the return to Fuad's old leniency towards PLO supporters there, which Ilia initiated under Arens even before Fuad's appointment.

Despite the ban on the Committee for National Guidance, Ilia allowed its leading figures to convene openly. Even as he moved against the village leagues moderates, Ilia proclaimed his willingness to meet with the committee's extremists.

After Fuad's appointment, there was even an easing of restrictions on the transfer of PLO subsidies to the West Bank — while financial controls on the village leagues were tightened.

Just as the actions of Fuad and Ilia clearly bespeak the West Bank policy espoused by the tight-lipped

reason why this continuing shift cannot be diverted into the territories, Benvenisti estimates that in Tel Aviv alone, there is a potential of between 50,000 and 60,000 people who will move into new dormitory settlements being constructed in western Samaria.

The Greater Jerusalem Master Plan sees the capital's boundaries stretching from Beit El in the north to Efrat in the south. Within this area today, 55.7 per cent of the population are Jews, 44 per cent Arabs. By 1991 there will be a slight percentage change in favour of the Arabs.

In Tel Aviv and the surrounding area up to Kfar Sava in the north and Ariel in the east, however, the ethnic balance will shift more dramatically over the next eight years. Today, Arabs make up 33 per cent of this population; by 1991 they will comprise 35 per cent.

The problem in terms of urban and ethnic tensions lies in the fact that the Jewish and Arab populations will now be dispersed and intertwined with each other. It will be far more difficult to isolate coherent areas with a clear Jewish or Arab majority. Since there is little chance that the Arabs will ever enjoy the same standard of living or status as their new Jewish neighbours, Benvenisti anticipates the tensions and conflicts he studied in Belfast for his doctorate.

Benvenisti predicts that in the central sector the tensions will arise from what he calls the "fanatic nature" of the tiny minority of Jewish settlers who, through the battery of laws already at their disposal, will try to control all the resources available to half a million highly politicized Palestinians.

The Jordan Valley is not really problematic in these terms since most of the area has been seized for military purposes, while the population will be less than 40,000 Jews and Arabs.

If one examines these findings with a mind to withdrawal, it becomes clear that, at least in terms of the populations involved, much of the West Bank can be given up. The really dense Israeli settlement is concentrated in the two shaded sections shown in the accompanying map. A future border could conceivably run along the eastern perimeters of these rings.

Benvenisti's argument, however, is that, even if this were to occur, Israel would still be faced with large ghettos of Arabs within its major urban concentrations.

LABOUR PARTY leaders in their negotiations over a national unity government with the Likud last week used the Allon Plan as the basis for most of their arguments about a settlement freeze. Obviously, the late Yigal Allon planned Israel's future borders to give it maximum external security with the minimum internal Arab population. But a glance at Benvenisti's new maps shows that this is an arrant nonsense.

It was a Labour government that decided to establish Beit El, Ofra and Ma'ale Adumim. It was Yisrael Gali, a Labour minister, who decided to create Ariel and Elkana in 1976. These towns and settlements dictate the outer perimeters of the most popular and problematic areas of settlement.

The Labour Party platform on the issue is, by now, quite detached from reality and riddled with inherent contradictions.

The fact that Labour leaders could still waste hours talking about areas to be affected by a potential settlement freeze seems to indicate that some retired generals have forgotten the art of map-reading.

Twersky's rejection of dovish defeatism and his assertion of the validity of withdrawal was timely and refreshing. But he, too, finally succumbed to the confusion and contradictions which characterized the Labour approach to the territories. He wrote that "the pursuit of a peace settlement with the Palestinians and the Jordanians... will square the circle of Palestinian national rights and Israeli security. Although many mistakes were made along the way, this is essentially the path the Labour movement has travelled since 1967."

An emotional attachment to the "Labour movement" still blinds too many people on the Liberal left to the fact that the "mistakes" Twersky acknowledges were, actually, cardinal, as Benvenisti's latest findings indicate.

If the Labour movement is to contribute anything of value to the debate on the future of the territories, it must first admit to itself its contribution to the current situation. Once it does that, perhaps the conflicting opinions within the party can produce something more coherent, more valid and more realistic than the Allon Plan.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

DEFENCE MINISTER Moshe Arens has been given the image of a calm, reasonable expert committed to rational analysis and polite debate.

No one is likely to challenge this appealing persona — so different from the poor image of the typical Israeli politician — despite Arens' reputation as a "hawk."

Unfortunately, this fashionable stress on appearances as opposed to substance has diverted attention from Arens' emerging policy in the West Bank — except for his support for continued Jewish settlement in areas heavily populated by Arabs.

It would be unfair to ignore the attraction to the media of the easily portrayed settlement question. Likewise, one cannot discount the diverting drama in Lebanon, which continues to beg coverage, despite Israel's partial disengagement.

Yet there remains the nagging suspicion that both the media and the Peace Now movement have too readily let Arens hide behind his image and avoid debate on the Palestinian village leagues — the only alternative leadership yet to the PLO.

Meanwhile, the leagues have been systematically destroyed by officials responsible to, and appointed by, Arens.

SOON AFTER Arens assumed office, the assault was begun by Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilia, who has headed the civil administration since

Professor Menahem Milson resigned.

Milson had vigorously promoted the formation and status of the village leagues. A Hebrew University Arabist, he has been the most articulate advocate of the need to encourage Palestinian moderates in the territories to challenge the PLO hegemony there and thus allow a fruitful dialogue with Israel.

But Ilia moved quickly in the opposite direction, stamping out an initiative by younger elements in the leagues to move from local services to the establishment of a West Bank party opposed to PLO anti-Israel terror and committed to the Camp David peace process.

The non-involvement of the Palestinians in the occupied territories in the required talks on autonomy is the main reason for the continuing standstill in the process begun by Anwar Sadat.

Yet Ilia swiftly deposed the dynamic leader behind the initiative, Muhammad Nasser, from the chairmanship of the Hebron-area league and severely harassed that organization.

Undeterred by threats from Ilia, however, Nasser appealed to the Israel High Court of Justice and sought the support of Israelis on the right and the left.

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THERE ARE PEOPLE for whom the name Tat Nitzav Binyamin Siegel rings the kind of bell that only appears in nightmares. They include Michael Tzur, Asher Yadin, David Peled, Yehoshua Benzion, Shmuel Flatto Sharon, Shmuel Rechman, and last, but by no means least, Aharon Abuhatzira. For them, the name Siegel, whether whispered in the dead of night or shouted in the middle of the day, is certain to awake some very nasty memories.

As head of the police force's most elite unit — whose exploits and successes capture the imagination the way only the activities of an elite IDF unit can — Siegel is a man who needs mystery. He needs it to lead his men, but — probably more important for him and the success of his unit — he needs it to instill awe in the public at large, to keep them guessing who he is, what he's like.

However, our search this week for the man who can send a minister to jail led, not to the elusive Siegel, but to his direct superior, Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of the Criminal Investigations Department. And the first thing we learned: Carthy wants to keep his best and brightest out of the spotlight.

In contrast to Siegel, his boss has a benign, almost grandfatherly look, probably something to do with his white hair.

He has an Irishman's vein, giving the impression that he drinks. He doesn't. But he smokes, applying a cheap plastic lighter to his Time cigarettes. He speaks with an articulateness and a passion rare in a police officer — especially one with a legal background and a reputation for "solidity."

He's a wise man, say the secretaries at the Sheikh Jarrah police headquarters.

IT IS THE day after Abuhatzira showed up — an hour late — at the Bet Dagan police warehouse where, for the next three months, between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. six days a week, he'll be a filing clerk at everyone's back and call.

Carthy is cheerful. Has police morale — low for the past several years because of budget cuts and bad luck with some big cases — risen now that Abuhatzira has finally been "wrapped up."

"That's mean," says the police chief. Before he can go on, his phone rings. Siegel's people have picked up Abuhatzira's former aide Moshe Gabai. He is being questioned once again about money which was transferred through a maze of accounts, ending up in his own account.

Carthy replaces the receiver, and the interview goes on.

"We never had anything personal against Abuhatzira. To say that morale has gone up makes it sound as if there was a personal quarrel in-



## TO CATCH A THIEF

The Jerusalem Post's Robert Rosenberg talks to Criminal Investigations Department head Yehzekel Carthy about the work of the fraud squad.

volved. There was no such thing."

But while, especially among "Siegel's boys" — as the fraud squad is affectionately known in police circles — "morale hasn't gone up or down" because of any specific event, "there is a good feeling."

The police were lambasted for two years, Carthy explains. Now, "especially after the things that were said about us, we feel good. We've been slandered, picked on, lied about. But in the end, the courts decided that what Abuhatzira had done was a 'serious matter.' That's what counts."

"When you're talking about someone like Abuhatzira, an almost mystic figure to many in the Moroccan community — he's the son, grandson and great-grandson of people who are considered holy, saintly — whatever he says has a significance far beyond its surface message."

"His followers differentiate between secular and religious affairs in terms of what is allowed, what can be done. Since the money involved Abuhatzira — an heir to sainthood — it was okay. That's machiavellian."

PRESSURE WAS enormous during the two and a half years it took to investigate and prosecute Abuhatzira, says Carthy, and it climaxed the night of the MK's sentencing. When the former minister appeared on television to accuse the police of "doing things" to him that they had never done to

anybody else. But the pressure wasn't coming from the upper political echelons. He is careful to avoid any criticism of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who some say intervenes in certain types of police investigation.

Later, Carthy claims Burg has never intervened in any case, in any inquiry — and that, as a police officer, he has never been forced by politicians to do anything he would be "ashamed of."

ing a personal crusade against Siegel's unit, often using "dubious sources."

But the attacks on Siegel became more vicious than even the press could manage. Restaurateur Eli Ronen, an Abuhatzira follower, started spreading the story that Siegel was getting kickbacks from Carmel Market stall-owners. There was an investigation — during which Siegel never publicly denied the accusation, preferring to let the

says there were things that shouldn't have happened during the Abuhatzira investigation, "which wasn't the most sophisticated or complicated job they've ever had."

Too much was done on a "bull in a china shop" basis, he says, giving as an example the controversial taped telephone conversation between state witness Israel Goltieb and the police informer known as "Mr. X." And the lessons were learned.

"In a nutshell," says Carthy, "the police must investigate every suspicion reaching it — and those that do not reach it. In other words, we have to take the initiative, to develop a work schedule that gives us the opportunity to choose our targets. Intelligence agents will develop contacts in various companies and ministries. They'll have the traditional free hand in how they operate — quiet meetings in cafes, contact via third parties, etc. — but they'll have to develop the contacts."

"Let's say a ministry increases subsidies to a certain sector of the economy," he says. "That might mean greater opportunities for forgery, computer crime, bribery. We have to keep our eyes on such things. Obviously we'll keep checking up on the information we receive from interested parties, those who have axes to grind, whether for personal gain or 'good citizenship.' The idea now is to hunt on our own, to reach out."

Reaching out may not mean swarms of Siegel's men roaming the corridors of those ministries that handle lots of cash — Tourism, for example — but it does, for the Siegel-watchers, signify that a period of doldrums may be coming to an end. Just because you haven't heard from Siegel recently, Carthy adds, doesn't mean he's not at work.

THE SQUAD does thrive on the publicity it earns, even though that publicity can often make the unit's

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Most of the pressure during the Abuhatzira investigation came through the press, says Carthy, which had a natural interest in the story. He cites two reasons: the fact that sensational stories sell newspapers, and the journalists' claim that the "public has a right to know."

A journalist at one of the afternoon dailies once worked for Siegel, Carthy recalls. A personality conflict and doubts about the reporter's trustworthiness led to the gruff unit commander cutting off the relationship. Since then, says Carthy, the journalist has been wag-

police clear him. But the pressure on him resulted in a heart attack, a setback for a unit that heavily depends on the curious charisma of its leader for its inspiration.

Siegel returned to work a few months later. While he was gone, his number two man, Norman Fait (a South African-born accountant who likes Sherlock Holmes hats and has an eagle eye for the fudged book) had to rule not only the accountability section of the unit but also the rougher types from investigation units throughout the country.

Without mentioning Fait, Carthy

THE SIEGEL SQUAD is going through a period of reorganization, reconsidering the ways the police investigate white-collar crime.

While in the past most of the cases the squad went after were based on tips reaching unit intelligence "from interested outside parties," Carthy says that in future the squad will take the initiative.

Intelligence gathering is the key. In the past, a wronged businessman might lodge a complaint, a politician might leak information to the unit, or a newspaper story might send the squad hunting through a ministry.

## New battlefield

By LEON HADAR / Post New York Correspondent

international forums," explains Blum. Recently the Soviets were the driving force behind a meeting at the Vienna offices of the UN that was devoted to Israel's relationship with South Africa.

THE PUBLIC in the U.S. and the political elite are increasingly dissatisfied with the functioning of the UN. Both its members and the heads of the UN Secretariat are aware that any attempt to harm Israel's status in the organization would mean reduced American financial support and perhaps a boycott of the UN or some of its organs.

Recent statements by American officials and certain moves by Congress reflect the change in American attitudes. A senior member of the U.S. delegation at the UN, Charles Lichtenstein, has told UN members that if they feel "they were not welcome and treated with the hostility consideration that is their due, the U.S. strongly encourages member states to seriously consider removing themselves and this organization from the soil of the U.S. He added: "We will put no impediment in your way, and we will be at dockside, bidding you a farewell, as you set off into the sunset."

In a similarly sarcastic manner, President Ronald Reagan followed Lichtenstein's suggestion with

another, that UN members should consider splitting their sessions between the Soviet Union and the United States. "Maybe all those delegates should have six months in the UN meeting in Moscow and then six months in New York, and it would give them an opportunity to see two ways of life."

Last month the Senate drastically cut the U.S. contribution to the international organization. The cut will amount to nearly \$500m. over the next four years, reducing the U.S. contribution to the UN by 21 per cent in the fiscal year that began this October 1, and then by 10 per cent in each of the next three years. (Up to now, the U.S. covered 25 per cent of the operating expenses at UN headquarters in New York.) "Taxpayers are sick and tired of playing host to our enemies and critics abroad," said Senator Steven Symms, Republican of Idaho.

ONE CONCLUDES that were a major campaign mounted in the UN against Israel, this would further disenchant the U.S. administration and Congress. The American mission to the UN is headed by Jeane Kirkpatrick, perhaps the most pro-Israel figure in the Reagan administration. In the Security Council, Ambassador Yehuda Blum notes, the Americans vetoed in recent months a spate of anti-Israel

resolutions. The Arabs are aware that with an almost automatic American veto in the council, they don't have a chance to win any major battle there, says Blum.

Even without an American veto hanging over their heads, the Third World and the Arabs in particular are so divided that they lack the power to initiate any major action against Israel in UN forums, including the General Assembly. The Iran-Iraq War, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the situation in Lebanon have broken up the automatic anti-Israeli majority in the General Assembly. Since the assembly's session opened last week, there have been public clashes between the delegates from Iran and Iraq and between the representatives of Lebanon, Syria and the PLO. Third World delegates seem to be putting more emphasis in their speeches on such issues as Afghanistan, Central America and Namibia than on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Perhaps the most candid remarks on the Arab world today came from King Hassan of Morocco, who in his address last week noted that the Arab world failed to implement the peace plan it adopted at the Fez summit. The Arabs, admitted the king, have not "objectively analysed and assessed" the results of the summit.

"A certain enthusiasm had been lost," he said. "Some Arab leaders had procrastinated in taking the next step, and later the situation in Lebanon created a new barrier to a clear perception of the problem." Saying "we must mobilize our

spirit," he called on his Arab colleagues "to find a way out of the status quo."

AMBASSADOR BLUM believes that despite divisions in the Third World and Arab camp, the Arabs, led by the PLO delegation, will attempt to implement the "programme of action" adopted at the recent conference in Geneva on the Palestinian question.

It is not difficult for an Israeli observer, who recently listened to the more than 50 addresses by world leaders, to see that an international

work more difficult. Premature word of an investigation can result in the greatest disaster of all for a police investigator — destruction of evidence. But the Siegel boys gain an added bit of energy, of spirit, when they land a big fish.

The unit, Carthy notes, is the only one that hasn't been cut in the police force during five years of heavy budget slashing (Siegel commands 72 men and has room for another 18).

Then there's the problem of police philosophy. "We aren't the correctors of the world. We aren't the supreme state comptroller. We are policemen. Our job is not to set bad government straight. It is to catch criminals. Bad government is the state comptroller's problem. Sometimes he finds something for us to look into. Sometimes we have material and we need the attorney general's opinion on whether to go ahead, on whether something is criminal or simply bad management. In the end, of course, the attorney general's office makes the decision on whether to prosecute."

Carthy is pleased with Siegel's squad being described as the type of unit that would have done the Entebbe rescue or the Iraqi reactor bombing, had it belonged to the army. But it seems he's worried about what people expect from the unit.

Trying to answer the question of why the days when Siegel's men were constantly in the news seem to have passed, he says, "It was a black time in this country's history when many top leaders were involved in corruption. It was a period of degeneration, years upon years when the party believed it was the government, the state and the country."

"But to assume that we haven't been working or that MKs, ministers and director generals are always crooks is simply wrong."

"Look, we don't choose our victims. We don't decide: 'Let's get Mr. This or Mr. That.' We go after those we believe have broken the law. This isn't a sport for us."

For Carthy and the rest of Siegel's squad, "it's not the number of cases nor the stature of the perpetrators that serve as the criteria" by which they judge whether or not to go ahead with an investigation. The criterion is the crime, its severity and the significance.

And Siegel? He was as much of a mystery at the end of the interview as before — but that's the way the police wanted it.

What is really important is our peek inside the unit. For the police in a democracy — even in a country where a minister can be sentenced to jail for corruption — need to keep the public aware of what their job entails.

consensus exists on the Palestinian issue, one that today unites Western Europe, the Communist bloc and the Third World. This consensus, reflected in the address by the representative of the European Economic Community, calls for the establishment of an independent Palestinian homeland and for the inclusion of the PLO in the peace process. It opposes Israel's settlement policies.

The question is how long can Israel and the U.S. maintain their current position in face of this consensus?

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# Palestinians in perspective

By SHIMON PERES

THERE IS nothing more urgent on the road to peace in the Middle East than the need to make a serious attempt to resolve the Palestinian problem; and there is no greater obstacle to the solution of the Palestinian problem than the PLO itself.

The PLO was founded for the declared purpose of representing the Palestinian cause. However, as has happened before in the history of mankind, once established, the continued existence of the organization becomes increasingly more important than the attainment of the purpose for which it was originally founded.

The PLO, which has been led for the last 16 years by Yasser Arafat, is the successor of the organization founded by Ahmed Shukeiri, a terrorist organization which operated against civilian targets in Israel from Jordan, Egypt and Syria. Both, in turn, continued the policy of the Mufti of Jerusalem, who organized the riots of 1936-39, who collaborated with the Nazis, and who ordered the Israeli Arabs to abandon their homes during the War of Independence, thus creating the problem of the Palestinian refugees.

It would be futile to cite all the statements made by the Mufti, Shukeiri and Arafat. The history books are not an encyclopedia of quotations, but a summary of the events that occurred. Political movements must be measured by their record and by the consequences of their positions, not necessarily by the intentions which motivated them.

In fact, the three organizations and the three leaders brought disaster upon the Palestinians and destroyed the chances for peace in the Middle East. The Mufti opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state in most of the territory of western Palestine, in accordance with the 1947 UN resolution.

And what he so vigorously rejected has today become the goal of the organization that succeeded him — the PLO. He was also, as already noted, the major factor in the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem, based on the foolish assumption that the Arabs who fled from Israel by the back door of the Jewish riots would return through the front gate of military victory. Thus, he brought misery upon thousands of men, women and children. Shukeiri brought about the death of many within the Israeli civilian population. He also brought about increasingly frequent retaliatory attacks on the part of Israel until both the Jordanians and the Egyptians were forced to expel his fedayeen forces from their borders.

Arafat began where Shukeiri left off. He wanted to establish himself as an independent force — a state within a state — on Jordanian soil. King Hussein was forced to openly wage war against him — the "Black

September" of 1970 — causing thousands of deaths among the PLO forces in Jordan.

Arafat brought together a variety of organizations — some bona fide terrorists, some semi-terrorists — under the common roof of the Palestine Liberation Front. This success was the source of his undoing. The coalition organization which he founded was so broad and contradictory that his decision-making ability was completely undermined, and recently, the banner of rebellion has been raised even against his very leadership.

Arafat was faced with the choice of adopting either the military or the political course. This choice is not a theoretical one. For those who choose the military course, it is not enough simply to obtain a certain quantity of arms, or to collect large sums of money. Whoever embarks on war — not to mention its moral and physical price — must be convinced that he can win. Arafat was a classic example of one who was so intoxicated by the sight of arms and by several showcase operations that he believed he could embark on war and win.

The consequences of these errors in judgment were very severe for him and his people — and no less so for another small country, a country which was essentially peace-loving: Lebanon.

IT IS CLEAR that in order to wage war, Arafat needed a territorial base. Lebanon is no closer to Israel than is Syria or Jordan; but Syria and Jordan had sufficiently strong governments and armies to dislodge this independent organization from their territory. Lebanon was chosen because of its military weakness and its demographic diversity.

Thus, Arafat brought about the almost total destruction of the delicate fabric of Lebanon. The presence of the PLO on its soil led to the outbreak of a civil war, as a result of which tens of thousands of innocent people were killed, and hundreds of thousands forced to flee the country.

Ultimately, Arafat's military policy led to the most recent war in Lebanon, and to the expulsion, in broad daylight, of the PLO from Beirut.

Sometimes a people has no choice but to fight, even when the chances of victory are not particularly bright. But Arafat had a

political alternative, which he rejected in the heat of anger. Had Arafat recognized the existence of Israel and declared his desire to conduct peaceful negotiations, abandoning the use of terrorism, he would have immediately been recognized as a political factor who could not be ignored. And the United States, the most important external force in the Middle East, would have recognized him as such.

But Arafat preferred to remain faithful to the letter and the spirit of the Palestine National Covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, or the destruction of its political and historical foundations, thus removing himself from the circle of those with whom it is possible to negotiate peace in the region as well as a solution to the Palestinian problem.

Today, it is clear that Arafat represents his organization and is striving to maintain its unity. But even this limited goal seems beyond his grasp.

Hence, he is not a real partner to the negotiations on the resolution of the Palestinian problem. It should be stressed that in order to conduct negotiations the first requirement is a partner who is prepared to negotiate. Anyone who looks for and proposes only an "arrangement" will sooner or later find that he is engaged in a Sisyphean task. An agreed plan, acceptable to both sides, can only be achieved through negotiations. And whoever proposes such a plan before negotiations, or instead of negotiations, is liable to find himself faced with the bitter opposition of the other parties to the negotiations.

IS THERE then an alternative partner to the PLO? I believe the answer is yes. Such a partner can take the form of either a delegation of representatives from the territories, or representatives from the territories together with the Jordanian government.

It is estimated that there are now some four million Palestinians. Where are they? About a million and a half live in Jordan and are Jordanian citizens in every respect. About 800,000 live in Judea and Samaria. They, too, hold Jordanian passports and are, therefore, citizens of Jordan. About 450,000 Palestinians live in the Gaza Strip and they are stateless. A further 650,000 live in Israel and are Israeli

citizens in every respect. Several hundred thousand Palestinians — it is difficult to estimate their exact number — are scattered throughout the Arab world and beyond.

In other words, from a territorial point of view, 3.5 million are concentrated in Jordan and Israel — 1.5 million east of the Jordan River and 2 million west of it. From the point of view of citizenship, 2.3 million Palestinians are Jordanian citizens, 650,000 are Israeli citizens, and 450,000 have no citizenship.

THERE IS NO disagreement concerning those Palestinians who are Israeli policy — a part of Israel. If Jordan agrees (Egypt has refused and continues to refuse) to grant the residents of Gaza Jordanian citizenship, then a Palestinian Jordanian state could include 2.8 million Palestinians — the majority of the entire Palestinian population.

It is inconceivable that the Jordanians would agree to this without receiving the territories, or at least most of the territories, where the Palestinians are living. On the other hand, there is good reason to assume that Jordan would be prepared to establish a Palestinian Jordanian framework, for the establishment of a separate Palestinian state would pose a constant threat to Hussein's rule and to the internal integration of Jordan.

Thus, Israel must look for ways that would allow the Jordanian government and the representatives of the territories to begin negotiations; and in order to make such negotiations attractive, Israel must announce from the outset that it is prepared to relinquish territories inhabited today by Palestinians — without, of course, endangering the security of Israel.

I BELIEVE that it is in Jordan's interest, just as it is in Israel's interest, to put an end to the wars between us, or to the threats of war, and to reach a fair settlement of the Palestinian problem.

I believe further that a way can be found to open meaningful negotiations to achieve this goal — negotiations without preconditions, at which each side can present its own demands.

In conclusion, experience proves that Arafat and his organization cannot be a partner to negotiations. On the other hand, we have all suffered enough blows to seek a solution to the problems under dispute through political means, not on the battlefield.

Many were sceptical about the possibility of peace between Israel and the Arabs. Anwar Sadat proved that skepticism is not necessarily the exclusive reality of our lives. We are anxiously awaiting the moment when what happened between us and the Egyptians will also happen between us, the Jordanians and the Palestinians.

such grotesque condition as the retention by Israel of territory along the Jordan, and in the Etzion bloc (not to mention east Jerusalem) in the very heart of what they propose should become sovereign Jordanian territory; and, on top of it, to demilitarize that territory as well?

Surely their insistence on such safeguards (which would give Israel continued military control over all of Western Eretz Yisrael) suggests that they do not trust in peaceable intentions in Hussein's breast.

Yet they appear not to understand that for the very reasons that they seek safeguards, Hussein resolutely rejects their "plan" — as he, from his point of view, must reject it.

Why, then, do they continue to project the "territorial compromise" as a viable prospect, a feasible plan, a rational basis for possible negotiations?

The question to be asked, however, really is: what would remain to them without this tattered linchpin of a policy?

THERE IS no doubt that if they seriously examine their — and the nation's — situation, they face an acute dilemma. They can return to the world of reality only if they free themselves of the fallacy of their "territorial compromise."

In the real world, they have two alternatives: They can follow the lead of the lunatic fringe on their "left" and produce a formula embracing directly or indirectly the surrender to the Arabs of all the "occupied territory" and a return to the 1949 Armistice Lines. Suicide is always a clear-cut feasible policy.

Or they can face the fact that the Arabs have never given up, and continue to maintain the doctrine of the "unification" of the Arab-Moslem world by the elimination of the Jewish state; that it is not enough for Israel to maintain military control over Western Palestine, that its security requires a massive civilian presence throughout the country.

They might then refrain from merely bawling the existence of a large Arab minority and devote themselves to constructive promotion of an increased Jewish majority — through encouraging immigration.

They might then proceed to revive some of the other positive values of Zionism which Labour once used to stress, such as the dignity of labour, such as the settlement of Eretz Yisrael.

In short, a proper re-appraisal of national security policy could lead to a salutary refurbishing of the Labour Party, away from its illusions and the barren oppositionism which appear to dominate its present thinking.

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IT WAS one a.m. in an elegant hotel facing the gleaming gold statue of Joan of Arc, opposite the resplendently manicured Tuileries Gardens in Paris.

Jeremy Irons, tall and svelte in dark evening clothes of a century ago, had just completed shooting the final scene of *Swann in Love*. The English star of *The French Lieutenant's Woman* and the television version of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited* plays the brilliant, complex French Jew of Marcel Proust's gigantic work, *A la Recherche du Temps Perdu* — *Remembrance of Things Past* — in the first cinematic interpretation of that milestone in French literature, 60 years after the author's death.

Nicole Stéphane, co-producer of the film, had spent 21 years trying to get it on the screen. Luchino Visconti, Joseph Losey, Harold Pinter and Peter Brook had all made abortive attempts to reduce the work to screen size, and each had to abandon the project for various reasons. Finally Volker Schlöndorff, the German director of the prize-winning *The Tin Drum* and *The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum* accepted the challenge.

It was a challenge for Jeremy Irons as well. Schlöndorff spends much of his time in Paris, and the film's dialogue is French. Iron, the epitome of the Englishman, is playing a Frenchman in a language he learned at school and promptly forgot. A month in Paris prior to shooting, a keen ear and a dedicated voice-coach had virtually obliterated his English accent.

IRON SEES Swann as "a dilettante, a socialite, an educated fourth-generation Frenchman, but originally a Jew, a man who feels outside the society in which he moves and who is accepted only superficially by that society because of his Jewishness. He falls in love with Odette, a courtesan. I think he recognizes in her someone else who is an outsider, and that is part of his passion for her."

Director Schlöndorff describes Odette de Crécy as "a flamboyant, voluptuous sensualist. Neither Odette, because she is a tart, nor Swann, because he is Jewish, will ever be completely accepted by society. Moreover, Odette is flattered by the love of an intellectual, just as he feels drawn to this woman who lives only by her instincts. It reminds us of Marilyn Monroe and

## Proust and Jeremy Irons

By PEARL SHEFFY GEFEN / Special to The Jerusalem Post



Jeremy Irons in a scene from 'Moonlighting'

Arthur Miller," he says, "but you have to live up to a woman like that, and there are moments when all the brains in the world won't help you."

Italian actress Ornella Muti plays Odette, and Alain Delon is Swann's friend Baron de Charlus. The story is set in the Paris of 100 years ago, and it evokes the Proustian view of French society at that time. But Schlöndorff says it is "basically the analysis of a passion. Proust said that only by looking deep inside ourselves, by trying to recreate emotion, can we approach the truth."

In a century obsessed with psychoanalysis, Proust pushed self-analysis to its extreme, listing all the details of his characters' lives and thoughts in an effort to understand

what makes them tick. MARCEL PROUST, himself a Jew, was born on July 12, 1871, the son of Adrien Proust and Jeanne Weil. He was only nine when he suffered his first asthma attack. The arrest of Dreyfus in 1894 had a profound effect on him, and he collected signatures in Dreyfus' favour and attended Zola's trial.

His first work, *Les Plaisirs et les Jours*, was published in 1896. He wrote the major part of *Things Past* during the years 1905-12, and the newspaper *Le Figaro* published extracts. But when Grasset agreed to publish *Swann's Way*, it was at Proust's own expense. After Proust won the prestigious Goncourt Prize in 1919, more sections of his multi-volume *oeuvre* began to appear.

But much of his work was published posthumously, after his death in 1972.

Though critics quickly hailed Proust as daring and revolutionary, the public took longer to digest the immensity of his work. In England, Arnold Bennett and John Galsworthy hailed him as the heir to Dickens and George Eliot. A German critic wrote that "a whole new era in the history of the great French novel begins with Proust." *Remembrance of Things Past* has now been translated into all the major languages of the world.

IRON SEES an affinity with Swann — and Proust — as outsiders "in the way that a lot of artists do, because one of the joys of being an artist is being able to stand outside society and comment upon it. You're allowed to behave to a large extent by your own standards."

He also recognizes in himself Swann's jealousy. "Swann," he explains, "is that type of lover who is not terribly happy when he's with the object of his desires, yet when he's not with her, he can't think of anything else. He worries whom she's with, whether she's being faithful to him, wanting her to be with him."

Is it like Othello's jealousy, or something more mundane? Irons, a thoughtful, serious and shy man, considers the question.

"I've never played Othello, so I've never really studied Othello's jealousy. But is jealousy ever mundane? Whenever I feel it, I find it a dreadful emotion."

"I am jealous in that I guard the people and the things I love. I like to possess them, as does Swann. He's a collector of objects, of works of art, and in a way he collects Odette and wants to own her. Towards the end of the story, he pays for her to go away with another lover to Egypt on holiday. In a bizarre way, he feels that, if he's paying for the trip, even though she's going with another man, she is truly his."

JEREMY IRONS was never meant to be an actor. "My wife sometimes tells me she cannot understand why I found myself in this career. None of my relatives were in the arts in any way. My father was a chartered accountant, his father was a linen merchant."

"I was educated privately in England and prepared for the

professions or for the forces. I remember at school that if you wanted to practise your violin or learn a speech for a play, they assumed you were trying to get out of playing games or doing proper lessons. They didn't regard the arts at all highly."

Did he suffer from that? "Well, I learned to play the violin nevertheless, and the clarinet, and I did one play only. But it's left me with a suspicion of my profession. I sometimes wonder how valuable it is, what we do. That's the left-over of my middle-class education, that rather Philistine mistrust of the arts. I still sometimes wonder if I'm wasting my time and should really be doing something sensible, something real."

Irons worked in the theatre for 12 years before he made his first film in 1979. "As an English actor," he explained, "it was difficult to break into movies. My first real break was *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, and that, along with *Brideshead Revisited*, really started things moving. So the gods have smiled on me."

"The English tradition is that film acting is a smaller art, a more minuscule art than that of the theatre. But I discovered that you can actually do more in front of the camera. You have to find the truth, and if you find that truth, you can do anything. In the theatre, you can sometimes cheat. You have a lot more time to rehearse, and you can

then use your technique to recreate on the stage."

"But in the movies, you don't have that luxury of rehearsal and you have to find it then and there. The camera is very bored by lies. It only really likes truth, and that can be quite wearing."

IRON SEES enthused about Meryl Streep, his co-star in *French Lieutenant's Woman*. Since she does not have the kind of beauty associated with the movie stars of the past, how does he explain her vast appeal?

"She has a sort of luminousness. Her skin is wonderful and her face is fascinating. She has an inner beauty, and I've always considered beauty to be an inner quality that comes out through the face."

"Her facial structure is not perfect, and she would be the first to say that her nose is not straight. She has a big head, which the camera likes. She also brings a lot of intelligence to the screen and to her performances, and a wonderful sensitive quality that we haven't been used to."

Irons' last film was *Betrayal*, based on the play by Harold Pinter, one of his closest friends.

"I've worked with him as an actor, director, playwright and

"I don't think he's an enigma, really. He quite likes his own privacy. He has a natural sideways view of the world, something he was born with. He's a Londoner, a Jew, and a delightful man."

THE TELEVISION serial *Brideshead Revisited* made Jeremy Irons familiar to viewers in a dozen countries. But did he really like the character he played? Irons sighed. "While you're playing a character, you have to like him, just as if you are living, you have to try to like yourself."

"Now, when I see reruns of the serial on television, I find Charles quite unlikeable. I dislike the fact that he doesn't commit to life. If you remember, he says at the age of 40, 'I'm childless, loveless, middle-aged and homeless,' and he deserved all of that. But to play him, I had to understand him, and his weaknesses. And if you understand people, you normally like them, unless they're really evil."

"We all have to learn to like ourselves in real life, and come to terms with ourselves. If you consider the religious tenet about loving thy neighbour as thyself, you realize it's often much easier to love other people than to love yourself."

But as far as his own life is concerned, "I have a home, I have love, I have a child. I hope when I get to middle age, I will still have those three things."

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### Cryptic

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- Show it's not on the menu of a night club (7)
- Has volume control—and wants the sound kept down! (9)
- Humble sailor, sea sick (5)
- They have four sides, two less than the others (7)
- Hangs one who broke the rules without lawful authority (7)
- One does to make a landing? Right! (9)
- Is against something being so described (5)
- Runs like lightning? (5)
- Wants a snack, being vulgar (9)
- A pound note to start with is of the least importance (7)
- Break under torture, per-traps (7)
- Stop letting people become homeless as a result... (5)
- But turn out—clad in tie, just the same (9)
- Strange eastern dreams damaged one's reputation so! (7)
- We hear, as 10-80 a division of the English counties, then (7)

### DOWN

- Takes air from the mouth down the neck! (7)
- Use in g... capitals, legibly address brown envelopes, longways, and stick it on the parcel (5)
- Opposed to moving a little way off once more (5)
- Double top for woman who wants a match (4-5)
- White sticks, but no good for the blind (7)
- Rising on the headwaters? What a good idea! (5-4)
- Fare for those travelling in it (9)
- Ship in ashes, maybe; very hairy! (7)
- Loved one to get this from an unknown admirer (9)
- Gets a more varied supply of fuel from it (9)
- Planes that drop out of the sky! (7)
- Everyone bound to be about? Agreed! (7)
- Cry registered on high, could one say? (7)
- Got heavy ammunition out of its cases, as it were (7)
- One who ensnares creatures (7)
- Fell (7)
- Science of money (9)
- Films on the grand scale (5)
- Foot-operated lever (7)
- Says aloud from memory (7)
- Removed, as a tooth (9)
- Aids unlawfully (5)
- Shake of light (5)
- Parts on special clothing (7, 2)
- Continues after a break (7)
- Printing machines (7)
- Amusing (5)
- Not living (9)
- Famous painter (7)
- Goads (7)

### 'Quickie'

### ACROSS

- One who ensnares creatures (7)
- Fell (7)
- Science of money (9)
- Films on the grand scale (5)
- Foot-operated lever (7)
- Says aloud from memory (7)
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- Printing machines (7)
- Amusing (5)
- Not living (9)
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- Goads (7)

### DOWN

- Place of entertainment (7)
- Unaccompanied (5)
- Haughty (5)
- Clothing (7)
- Wanted (7)
- Worn in cold weather (9)

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## Hurvitz's homely truths

NO MORE scathing an indictment of the government's economic policy could have been delivered by a confirmed oppositionist than that which was pronounced by the former Likud finance minister, and still a coalition Knesset Member, Yigael Hurvitz, on television Wednesday night. Mr. Hurvitz's critique, in truth, covered the whole "no growth" period of the Likud's rule, since 1977, save only his own single year as head of the Treasury. Economically, he suggested, that whole period of time was a total loss.

But Mr. Hurvitz's main barbs were directed at the incumbent finance minister, Yoram Aridor. It was time, he said, Mr. Aridor acknowledged the failure of his brand of economics and "drew the conclusions."

Mr. Aridor does not appear ready to acknowledge failure and, to take him by his public protestations, neither is he prepared to draw any conclusions by resigning. He is reported to have told associates that he is confident of his ability to devise a remedy for the country's economic problems. Meanwhile the premier-designate, Yitzhak Shamir, in whose cabinet he is due to continue as finance minister, has expressed complete confidence in Mr. Aridor.

Even so, the chances are that, sooner or later, some time after the installation of Mr. Shamir's new cabinet next Monday, Mr. Aridor will have to vacate his present seat. For, no matter how highly his own prime minister thinks of him, what counts for the effective functioning of a finance minister is the people's trust, and Mr. Aridor has lost it. This is not belied by the fact that the run of dollar slowed down yesterday.

If a massive devaluation is avoided for any length of time, as has been promised, and if the Treasury keeps on injecting large doses of money to enable the banks to support the values of their shares, this week's financial frenzy may subside after a while. But these measures will not cure the economy's deep-seated ailments — the widening balance of payments gap, the rising foreign indebtedness, the falling foreign currency reserves.

The finance minister seems well aware of this. That is why he is reported planning to propose a drastic belt-tightening programme, including a massive cut in subsidies for basic commodities which would not be fully compensated for through the cost-of-living increment. Any such programme, if it is to work, must be equitable and it must win the support of the Histadrut and of the public at large. Mr. Aridor is not the finance minister who could easily muster such support.

## A Syrian option

IT WAS SUGGESTED in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee earlier this week that the time had perhaps come to recognise that Syria is a key factor in Lebanon and that it might be a good idea to enter into some form of dialogue with Damascus.

After the experience of the past year, with Syria so clearly holding most of the cards and calling all the important moves in Lebanon, the suggestion hardly qualifies as a novel insight. But the fact that it has come from three committee members representing a very wide range of political thought in this country — Yossi Sarid on Labour's left, Mordechai Gur occupying Labour's middle ground and Geula Cocher of the right-wing Tehiya — makes it an event worthy of note.

For it would seem to indicate that it has finally been recognized that perhaps the most fundamental misconception that has governed Israeli policy in Lebanon over the past 15 months has been to underestimate, or even to disregard, the depth of Syria's commitment and interest in Lebanon.

It should be clear to all by now that Syria cannot be disregarded or relegated to the sidelines in anything pertaining to Lebanon, and even the belated recognition of this fact in the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee is something to be welcomed. Nevertheless, it would be well to ponder the implications of political dialogue with Syria, for there is little assurance that Damascus will be prepared to restrict any such dialogue just to Lebanon.

There is, in fact, every reason to believe that Syria would be prepared to discuss Lebanon with Israel only within the framework of a Middle East peace process broadened to include its own claim to the Golan Heights.

It is only necessary to remember the outcry, even from within his own party, that greeted Haim Bar-Lev's statement earlier this year that Labour's programme envisaged a discussion of the Golan Heights with Syria, and the embarrassed denial of a similar suggestion attributed to the Likud's Yitzhak Moda'i a few days ago, to realize that any form of meaningful dialogue with Syria — which would have to be on this basis — is hardly likely for the foreseeable future.

That does not, however, rule out the sort of tacit political "dialogue" with Syria that preceded Israel's invasion of Lebanon. That "dialogue," based on a mutual recognition by each side of the other's strategic and political interests in Lebanon, led to the evolution of a series of "red lines" that safeguarded those interests to the satisfaction of both Israel and Syria.

The advantages of this arrangement appear to have been lost, first under the flurry of somewhat alarmist rhetoric about the threat to Israel's northern settlements that preceded the Lebanese incursion, then under the expectations of an impending peace treaty with a friendly Christian-controlled Lebanon in its immediate aftermath, and finally under the deep sense of frustration and even defeatism that has followed the collapse of that never very likely dream.

But the time is perhaps coming that it will once again be recognised here that that is about the best that can be hoped for under present circumstances.

# LONG HAUL FOR SHAMIR

By YOSEF GOELL

GOVERNMENT CRISES in Israel have their own very special timetable for unfolding and reaching conclusions. Everything is done in slow-motion. It usually takes six to eight weeks from beginning to end, with the end usually resulting in more of the same that anteceded the beginning.

There are those who would attribute our penchant for such slow-motion politics to our Jewish political culture and to the fact that we are a talkative, argumentative, articulate people, with none more so than our politicians.

I would add another element of that self-same Jewish political culture which comes to the fore at such times: the succumbing of a bunch of smart Jews in one party, or faction to the temptation of believing that they can pull a fast one on the bunch of smart Jews in the other parties or factions. It usually takes most of the six to eight weeks for each such group to become disabused of that notion.

After numerous false alarms, according to which Yitzhak Shamir was reported to be on the verge (what is called in Yiddish, "ot-ot") of presenting his old-new coalition to the Knesset, it now seems that that deed will be done sometime next week.

One might have supposed that since the new government will be an exact replica of the old one — sans Mr. Begin himself — the switch could have been effected in record time. But, no. This coming Sunday will be six weeks since Mr. Begin dropped his bombshell and informed his stunned cabinet colleagues of his intention to resign, and even so it is not absolutely certain that Mr. Shamir will indeed present his cabinet to the Knesset next week.

All of this would be considered droll, and possibly even endearing and eminently forgivable were it not for the nagging suspicion — perhaps nagging certainty is closer to the truth — that the same

political actors who proved incapable of re-establishing the existing government coalition with a minimum of haggling and feints and parries will also prove themselves totally inadequate at dealing with the problems that are already blowing down the door of the cabinet room.

AN IMPORTANT element here will be the absence of Mr. Begin. The second Begin government was undoubtedly the worst government Israel has ever had when judged by the criterion of effectiveness — or, in this case, of fecklessness.

And, yet, it had one thing going for it, regrettably only in potential: Mr. Begin himself.

He undoubtedly possessed more authority than anyone else over his cabinet ministers and others in his party. That authority was exercised in the important but limited sphere of foreign and defence policy. At the same time, he chose to abdicate his potential for leadership in all other fields, and for the better part of the recent year he seemed physically and spiritually unable to exercise it, even if he had wanted to.

But the potential existed. Mr. Begin deserves high marks for his fitful exercise of that authority this year in the firing of Ariel Sharon as defence minister, the appointment of a capable man like Moshe Arens to succeed him, and in approving the choice of Moshe Levy as chief of staff to succeed Rafael Eitan.

IN ALL OTHER areas, Israel has, in effect, not been governed for the better part of this year. Yitzhak Shamir who gives no signs of suffering from the spiritual exhaustion that has afflicted Begin, deserves a fair chance to show his mettle as he takes up the reins of the premiership. But it should not be taken as any denigration of Israel's premier-designate to insist on looking squarely at the facts.

Yitzhak Shamir's dominant personality attribute is his

secretiveness. But he is not an unknown quantity: he has been a stable, pleasant, self-effacing and at times unfeeling entity as foreign minister.

In the ministry itself he was a welcome change from the mercurial, sardonic and, at times, positively brutal Moshe Dayan. But he has not made much of a mark as a senior minister, and his role in the tragic year of the abortive war in Lebanon has been non-existent, if not negative.

It is not totally impossible that Yitzhak Shamir may prove to be a surprise as prime minister; but it is highly unlikely. Primarily because he is 69 and at that age people don't change.

The likelihood is that Yitzhak Shamir as prime minister will not be very different from Yitzhak Shamir as foreign minister.

THE DESIRE to be surprised in such situations is primarily a factor of our own wishful thinking rather than of anything that is based on past performance. I well remember that one of Israel's most sober and intelligent media commentators, Ze'ev Schiff of *Ha'aretz*, wrote of the possibility that Israel might be surprised by a totally un-Arik-like performance by Sharon as defence minister. So much for all our fallibilities.

Besides Shamir himself, the relative certainty that his government will prove itself unable to deal with Israel's major problem today — that of the fast-burgeoning economic crisis — is based on the make-up of the coalition, its continued dependence on the whims of the small parties and on the continuation in office of the architect of the present crisis, Yoram Aridor.

The political cement which holds the old-new government together is obviously an excruciating deter-

mination not to rock the boat. One of Aridor's less engaging quirks is his stubborn determination to deny the existence of problems to which he has no answer. He thus denies the existence of an economic crisis of gigantic and daunting proportions.

The best evidence for the existence of that crisis, however, can be found in the ranks of the coalition and in the person of Aridor's predecessor at the Treasury, Yigael Hurvitz.

Hurvitz has been a consistent critic of Aridor's policies. But his older claim to fame is that of an extreme hawk on the territorial issue, an issue over which he split from the Labour Party in the late '60s and early '70s.

Of greater importance is that Hurvitz was a profound enough true believer in the cause of a Greater Israel to quit the first Begin government over the issue of the ceding of Sinai to Egypt under the Camp David Agreements.

IF THAT self-same Yigael Hurvitz is now prepared to strike a compromise with Labour on the issue of settlements in Judea and Samaria for the express purpose of enticing it into a national unity government whose main task would be to deal urgently with the economic crisis, the crisis must indeed be of awesome proportions.

The Shamir government will not be able to deal with the crisis and it will, in all likelihood, be a transitional government which will last only until early elections sometime in 1984.

Yitzhak Shamir, who is a methodical man capable of undertaking the spadework for developments that only ripen at some future date, can make an important contribution in such a transitional government.

He can use the short time at his disposal to initiate agreement between his Likud and Labour on changing the rules of the electoral

game to free the next government of the paralysis engendered by far-going systemic dependence on the small parties which hold the coalitions in thrall.

The economic crisis will not be tackled effectively by a wall-to-wall government of national unity but by a one-party government, or a narrow coalition headed by strong-minded leaders who are free of the need to make too many concessions to small, parochially minded coalition partners.

Paradoxically, the seemingly millennial prospects for big party cooperation on electoral reform may be, especially bright at present.

Leaders of the two big parties are very much under the impress of the frustrating and insidious influence of the small parties, who are playing them both off against each other.

Likud and Labour are also in a see-sawing position of near parity in the public opinion polls.

Much of this may be an exercise in wishful thinking, but there is some cause for optimism. The talks between the Likud and Labour on a government of national unity were doomed to failure from the outset. But what should not be overlooked — or underestimated — is the civil, even cordial, atmosphere in which they were conducted, and in which they were permitted to sputter out.

It would have been unthinkable for Begin and Peres to get together for such talks in the acrimonious atmosphere which marked the relations between the two parties during the past few years. It is a sign of hope that the same was not true of Shamir and Peres.

Herut and Labour, who have been the main adversaries in the politics of Zionism and of Israel for the past 50 years and more, may yet come to learn that they do share some common interests as the only parties who are candidates for governing Israel.

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## A friend in Wall St.

By WOLF BLITZER

down hard against such embargoes. On almost every controversial Israeli decision, including the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor: the Knesset law declaring Jerusalem Israel's eternal capital; the creation of additional West Bank settlements; and the annexation of the Golan Heights, it has come to Israel's defence.

WHY all this support? Basically, the *Journal* views Israel as one of America's few pro-Western, democratically-elected and strategically reliable friends in an otherwise hostile world.

The U.S., it believes, should treat friends like friends and enemies like enemies. When you disagree with a close ally, you don't publicly embarrass or scold it. That's what you do to your adversaries. You cooperate with your friends and consult with them privately. You don't wash your dirty linen before the eyes of the entire world. In short, you keep your cool in public, even when there are serious differences of opinion.

When it comes to the Middle East, the editorial opinions of *The Wall Street Journal* these past years have been very similar to those expressed by syndicated columnists William Safire and George Will, both of whom are Republican and conservative in their political orientation. They are, by the way,

probably, Israel's two best friends among the nationally read commentators.

*The New Republic* magazine, edited by Martin Peretz, also fits into this solid pro-Israel pattern, although its basic ideological bent is clearly liberal and Democratic.

That only goes to underline a fundamental fact involving U.S. support for Israel as it has developed over the years: Israel has both friends and enemies among Democrats and Republicans, as well as among liberals and conservatives. Support for Israel spans the political and ideological spectrum of thought in the U.S.

This also has been very evident in the many congressional roll calls involving Israel and the Arabs. Safire and Will may be card-carrying conservatives, but so are Republican senators Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Barry Goldwater of Arizona, two of Israel's most consistent foes on Capitol Hill.

IF ISRAELI officials have nothing but praise for *The Wall Street Journal*, the opposite is the case when it comes to *The Washington Post* — a newspaper that has consistently challenged many Israeli policies. The criticism of Israel by *The Washington Post* has intensified since the election of Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1977, but it was also very much a part of the Washington scene even during the Labour-led governments of Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin. Why?

Unlike the *Journal's* basically global, anti-Soviet strategic outlook, the *Post* sees the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict in much more narrow humanitarian terms. For it, the core of the problem is the Palestinian question. That means leaning on Israel to withdraw to roughly the pre-1967 lines. External sources of tension —

such as Soviet adventurism — are secondary. This explains why editorials in the *Post* have repeatedly condemned almost all the same controversial Israeli decisions that *The Wall Street Journal* defended. To a certain degree, the two newspapers have adopted an almost mirror image toward Israel and the Palestinians.

In recent months, for example, the *Journal* has filled its editorial columns with praise for Israel's destruction of the PLO's military infrastructure in Lebanon and its subsequent loss of political clout. It has even lamented the fact that the U.S. did not let Israel finish the job in West Beirut. The weakening of the PLO, it commented, has been a great benefit for the free world because the PLO mini-state within Lebanon had become the training ground for international terrorism. If there has been a decline in international terrorism in the past year, it is the result of Israel's deeds in Lebanon. Such praise for Israel is missing from the editorial page of *The Washington Post*.

THERE IS, according to senior Israeli officials who carefully monitor the U.S. news media, another important difference between the two newspapers. They charge that the editorial opinions of the *Post* have clearly been allowed to spill over into its hard news coverage.

In recent years, they said, there has been enormous coverage of the plight of the Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation — probably more so than in any other

U.S. newspaper with the possible exception of *The Christian Science Monitor*. Only this week, on Tuesday, the *Post* put on its front page a report that Israeli settlers in Shilo had uprooted olive trees from land claimed by a neighbouring Arab farmer. The trees were replanted in Shilo. The next day, there was a separate story, also on page one, headlined "Israel razing houses in Southern Lebanon."

Apparently the foreign desk of the *Post* has roughly the same mindset as the newspaper's editorial page editors. That is not the case with the *Journal*, whose diplomatic and Middle East reporters often have a clearly different attitude toward the Arab-Israeli conflict — meaning less pro-Israel — than that newspaper's editorial page staff.

Where does the most important American newspaper, *The New York Times* — stand on these matters? Somewhere in the middle, according to Israeli officials. They say that many — although by no means all — of the *Times* editorials are generally favourable toward Israel. A few have been quite harsh.

Where the *Times* really does stand out is in its experienced team of journalists actually covering the Middle East, meaning Bernard Gwertzman at the State Department, Thomas Friedman in Beirut and David Shipler in Jerusalem. That trio has developed a well-earned reputation in Washington as being by far the best-informed and most reliable when it comes to understanding the nuances of the region.

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### READERS' LETTERS

#### INFORMATION PLEASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am working on a dissertation at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The purpose of my research is to trace the development of organizations and institutions which American immigrants founded in Israel (1917-1973). The *Jerusalem Post*, its reporter Judy Siegel-Izickovich and its archives have been outstanding sources for my research.

If your readers have information, letters, diaries, or documents pertaining to organizations or institutions founded in Israel by American immigrants I would appreciate it if they would contact me in care of the American Jewish Committee, 9 Ethiopia Street, Jerusalem 95149 or telephone me at 02-228-862.

AVA F. KAHN  
Jerusalem.

#### ENGLISH TV NEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Your issue of September 16 contains an excellent article by Philip Gillon, "English voice." It aptly expresses the feelings of the majority of English-speaking tourists and residents.

I have been in Israel off and on for four years, and get extremely frustrated with the Israeli TV news in Hebrew. If there is no time for a separate slot, or no money, why not set English captions to the news so that we English-speaking people can also understand. We are very interested in Israel and Israeli affairs.

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